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Delays in Boro Project Addressed as Residents Consider Financial Hits

Borough officials were still scrutinizing the stalled downtown development project last week in response to concerns about revenues lost during the delay.

Originally scheduled to be well under way by now, Phase II of the project — a five-story building on the Tulane Street surface parking lot — has been held up by the continuing water problem on the lower level of the Spring Street municipal garage. The issue must be resolved before Phase II can begin, according to a stipulation in the agreement between the Borough and developer Nassau HKT & Associates (NHKT) calling for the acquisition of a permanent certificate of occupancy (CO). While the garage is bringing in over $14,500 per week, it is still "way under" initial estimates, said Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi. Financial losses incurred, however, have been softened somewhat by the fact that the Tulane Street lot remains open, even though it has also siphoned off some of the new garage's business.

The revenue from the Spring Street Garage combined with the Tulane lot brings in over $900,000 — about $15,000 less than what Borough officials had estimated.

Mr. Bruschi said he was "comfortable" with where the Borough stands with that number.

However, "We're not where we thought we would be in 2002" when the Borough signed off on the plan. By taking out the Park n' Shop lot, where the garage currently stands, the Borough has been losing revenue since the project's inception. Nearly $1.8 million in subsidies are being held up for a project that is now delayed over one year, according to Mark Alexandridis of Princeton Avenue.

"It's just not obvious that [the project] will ever be cash-flow positive," he said.

Councilman David Goldfarb said to view the delay as an ultimate loss in revenue was "not fair," pointing to the Borough's projections once the 24-residential-unit Witherspoon House, and the future 53-unit Tulane Street building are fully occupied, and once the garage has a permanent CO.

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Board Spurns Senior Housing Bid

A proposal to build age-restricted housing along Bunn Drive failed to receive a recommendation from the Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) at last Wednesday's meeting.

The failure to win a referral, however, will not prevent the application for 140 units in five three-story garden-apartment style buildings from going to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton, possibly sometime in September, for final review.

At the hearing, representatives of K. Hovnanian, the planned developer of "Four Seasons," heard a litany of reasons that led SPRAB representatives to find the proposal inappropriate for the area

The 20.9-acre tract, on which Four Seasons would lie, presents a geophysical challenge that would require extensive blasting due to the rocky soil and bedrock in the region, and the sloping nature of the site in general.

Additionally, the site straddles the Transco pipeline and the 85-foot wide corridor that surrounds it. Any blasting would have to be coordinated and overseen by Elizabethtown Water Co.

SPRAB Chairman William Wolfe said that while he has "seen a lot of improvements" to the general design — including one reducing it from nine buildings to five — the buildings themselves are "insensitive" to the nature of the site.

"It's very clear to me that those buildings are designed to sit on flat grounds, rather than being designed to sit on a slope and take advantage of that slope," he said.

As a result, Mr. Wolfe added, the Hovnanian proposal is calling for building on "ground that is notoriously environmentally sensitive." Mr. Wolfe added that items such as additional retaining walls could be discounted if the buildings were designed to meet the grade of the terrain rather than "bulldoze the hell out of the land" to accommodate the complex

"I find these really environmentally offensive," Mr Wolfe said, with several other SPRAB members concurring

Shirleen Roberts, Hovnanian's attorney, said the developer has "done a lot" to work with the site constraints, reminding the board that while the entire site is 20.9 acres, the actual building area only comprises about 17 acres To do a "meandering plan," she said, would require the developer to spread out the complex.

"It's impossible to do that and provide

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LADY LIBERTY: Hoiding the torch (or is it an ice-cream cone?), Lady Liberty is Alex Hopkins; the boy wearing the Eiffel Tower is her brother Thomas. Last Thursday's Bastille Day festivities at the Halo Fête featured a Lady Liberty contest, "French waitresses" pretending to be from our sister city, Colmar, and big band music from the SummerSwing Orchestra. (Photo by George Vogel)

A Spotlight on Density As Residents, Planners Eye Hospital Campus

As area planners moved toward establishod zoning parameters that would accommodate any future development on the site of the University Medical Center at Princeton, questions of density, not use, are still most on the minds of residents.

At Thursday's Regional Planning Board session focusing on the hospital site, some board members also examined the idea of the Borough and Township employing a joint consultant to study the future use of the hospital site.

At the fourth public forum where members of the Planning Board looked at both use and density of approximately nine acres to be developed along Witherspoon Street if UMCP leaves as planned, residents in the immediate neighborhood were largely opposed to the eight-story tower being retained for future use. But while planners have demonstrated a determination to come up with some zoning parameters that

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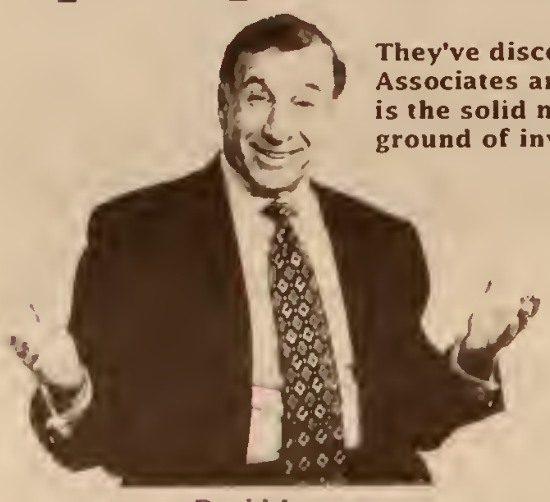

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YWCA's Executive Director Announces Her Resignation

Princeton YWCA's Executive Director Eileen Conway announced her resignation on Monday, July 18.

Ms. Conway began her post as executive director in 2000. Prior to that she was a member of the YWCA Board of Directors, and an active volunteer.

"My vision is for the YWCA to be a place of welcome, service, and advocacy for the community's women and girls of all ages, races, and cultures," said Ms. Conway. "We now have a strong organizational infrastructure, a cohesive staff vision, and continued healthy growth. I am honored to have assisted in creating these strengths, and feel very satisfied and fulfilled to have successfully completed my charge of five years ago."

Ms. Conway has served the YWCA with "great distinction for many years," said Micky Weyeneth, president of the YWCA's Board.

Under Ms. Conway's direction, the YWCA refocused its commitment to its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women through programming and advocacy, and the expanded its community relations. During her time there, the organization grew its after school programs, revamped its adult programming efforts, and recently established a new literacy initiative.

"She has been tireless in her efforts to infuse the mission into all aspects of the YWCA's programs and into all components of its work, energizing us through her enthusiasm and leadership," said Ms. Weyeneth.

The YWCA's board will move quickly to identify a new director, as the YWCA is currently poised to renovate its athletic building with the YMCA and is also in the early stages of reviewing the 60-year-old program building and will be making a decision as to whether it is still able to meet the needs of the community, said Ms. Weyeneth.

"The YWCA's board and staff remain committed to providing mission-based programs and initiatives in a comfortable and modern setting in the heart of the Princeton community," she said.

Friday Trolley Rides Free at Trent House

Free trolley rides to Trenton's premier historic site, the 1719 William Trent House Museum, will be available Fridays around lunchtime throughout the month of August. Riders can picnic on the grounds, participate in the "Fresh From the Garden Fridays" colonial era kitchen garden activities, and tour the air-conditioned museum.

The ride back takes participants along the Delaware and through the last Olmstead-designed urban park, home to Ellarslie Mansion and the Trenton City Museum, where riders are free to disembark.

The Trent Trolley departs from and returns to the Marriott Lafayette Yard Hotel on August Fridays between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., rain or shine (last hotel departure 1:30 p.m.).

The trolley is open to all, as space permits. The 1719 William Trent House Museum is open daily for tours from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both can be visited at www.williamtrenthouse.org and www.ellarslie.org.

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Corrections

Due to an editing error, a July 6 article on a John Witherspoon Middle School substitute teacher's arrest incorrectly identified the teacher as Kathleen Bower. The teacher is Kathleen Bowler.

A July 13 front page photo of Chess Day at the Princeton Public Library was incorrectly credited to E.J. Greenblat. The photo is credited to George Vogel.

Town Topics regrets the errors.

Topics In-Brief: *A Community Bulletin*

The **Zoning Amendment Review Committee** of the Regional Planning Board has scheduled a hearing for next Thursday, July 28, to discuss proposed changes to Princeton Township's residential standards.

Road Paving Update: Alexander Street, below University Place, will be detouring inbound traffic between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. this Thursday, July 21. Drivers are asked to detour east on Faculty Road to north on Washington Road, west on Nassau Street to University Place and/or Alexander Street. Southbound and northbound Alexander Street traffic will be maintained the entire day; **The Great Road** between Mountain Avenue and Stuart Road will be closed until further notice. Drivers are asked to detour using Stuart Road to Cherry Hill Road to Route 206 to Mountain Avenue and back to the Great Road. **Snowden Lane** will remain closed between Overbrook Drive and Franklin Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Additionally, the section of **Snowden** between Franklin Avenue and Rollingmead will be closed beginning Monday, July 25, between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers are asked to detour from Franklin Avenue to Levitt Lane to Hamilton Avenue. **Clearview Avenue** and **Grover Avenue**, between Clearview and Franklin, will be closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for repairs until further notice. Princeton Township Department of Public Works will be paving **Woods Way**, **Beech Hill Circle**, and **Crooked Tree Lane** for the next 10 days. Beginning this week and extending into next, **Autumn Hill Road**, and **Philip Drive**—south of Riverside Drive—will be closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; **Lovers Lane** will be closed for repairs Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. It will again be closed Saturday, July 23 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for resurfacing, if weather permits. For the week of July 25, **Edgerstoune Road** between Route 206 and Winant Road will be subject to one-lane alternating traffic between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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HARRY POTTER EYES: The specs were everywhere at the JaZam Toy Store's Harry Potter Block Party last week celebrating the release of J.K. Rowling's latest installment in the saga, "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince." Harry's specs are looking good on "the Potterettes" (from left): Allison Busacca, Kia Andereson, Raine Katz, and Nikki Sciotto.

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Amid Delays, the Curtain Closes, for Now, On Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival

After hitting a scheduling crossroads with little chance of resolution in sight, the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival has decided to lower the lights on a season that never actually got off the ground.

Held at the Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheatre at Community Park North, the annual summer festival that has received acclaim since 2000, cited difficulty in coordinating a performance schedule with the Princeton Recreation Department. In a recent letter to the editor, festival Artistic Director Victoria Liberatori cited "a key crucial issue" that had yet to be resolved.

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But on Monday, the decision was made to forego this season, according to Recreation Department Director Jack Roberts.

This season was the first season that the amphitheater played host to other performances outside of the festival, Mr. Roberts said, and the two parties could not arrive at a consensus on scheduling. He added that the festival had wanted to put on *two productions throughout* the summer. However, since the Pettoranello Gardens are playing host this year to performances by the New Jersey Opera Theater (NJOT) and a film festival, it made it difficult to meet Princeton Rep's desires.

Ms. Liberatori said the cancellation was due to a matter of "instability."

"We had put into that space, at the very least, a half million dollars of productions, advertising, marketing, signage, and certainly the incalculable aspects of goodwill, space, and visibility," Mr. Liberatori said Tuesday.

But she said the 2005 season began to dissolve when the Recreation Department expressed plans to turn the amphitheater into a "mini performing arts center." The festival director said Shakespeare Rep is accustomed to putting on two full productions throughout the summer, but when scheduling would not allow equal time to two productions, the festival balked.

"We have no problem working on a schedule where other arts organizations use the space," she said, but added that other outside performances fell during dates reserved for Shakespeare Rep in previous summers.

Mr. Roberts said the Recreation board offered three scenarios to the festival in an attempt to factor in the scheduling of all the events at the gardens.

"We thought we were being as accommodating as we could be. "We were a little surprised that they felt compelled to say that none of the alternatives that we offered worked," Mr. Roberts added.

At issue was the sharing of the stage with NJOT, Mr. Roberts said.

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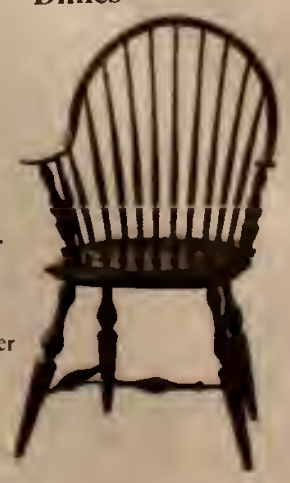

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Shakespeare Festival

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The August 5 and August 6 dates of an NJOT production would have fallen in a hiatus between Shakespeare Rep's two productions, scheduled to be *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night*. However, the issue of sharing lighting and equipment with NJOT created an impasse.

"How else could NJOT do it if they don't share the stage?," Mr. Roberts said. Under the latest schedule, which would have started July 15, the first play would have run for three weeks, with a week off for opera. An additional four weeks would have followed.

With only a handful of free, professional Shakespeare festivals remaining, the program was exceedingly popular in Princeton. So much so, in fact, that the 2001 season was shut down due to overcrowding and other safety concerns at the amphitheater. Both Mr. Roberts and Ms. Liberatori expressed a desire to resolve the issues that have curtailed this year's productions. Roberts said he "hoped" Pettoranello Gardens would continue to be home to the festival.

"I would love to return there," Ms. Liberatori said. "We don't expect to be treated like royalty, but we don't expect to be treated like second-class citizens either."

—Matthew Hersh

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Open Space Preserved In Mercer County

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes recently announced that the County is continuing its efforts to protect open space by acquiring a 32-acre property in Hamilton Township.

It was another important step in the area's efforts to preserve open space, said Mr. Hughes: "This acquisition and others like it show how critically important it is that Mercer County voters supported the open space ballot question last fall. Protecting open space is an investment we make today, but a legacy we leave for future generations."

The property, located along the Doctors Creek in Hamilton Township, and adjacent preserved farmland and other preserved corridors of the Doctors Creek, has significant environmental importance. It contains several vernal ponds, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. The property will provide for passive public access.

Mercer County paid $61,000, which was the cost to the seller to redeem taxes owed. Hamilton Township also contributed by waiving the additional and future taxes owed. The property was purchased from Americo I., LLC.

"In the past year — indeed, in the past six months — escalating land costs in Mercer County have made it more difficult for us to meet our preservation goals," said Mr. Hughes. "We must act now to protect our precious open space."

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HARRY COMES TO PRINCETON: Matthew Kim was one of many Harrys on hand at JaZam Toy Store's Harry Potter Block Party last week. The occasion was the release of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince." *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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Residents Look for Answers To the Question of Racism

How to define race was one of the main issues discussed at the Princeton Human Service Commission's (PHSC) community dialogue, the second held in as many months.

Ethnicity, culture, social construct, and color were some of the answers to that question from approximately 20 residents who gathered at the Princeton YWCA on Tuesday, July 12.

A former worker for the U.S. Census, Bill Strong said he remembers a time when everyone was labeled either black or white, and other ethnicities had to choose which term best described them.

"Our country has racism in its DNA," said PHSC member Wayne Meisel, who added that he has had to counter what he he had been taught throughout his life in order not to become a racist himself.

"I have felt more racism in this town than ever before in my life," said Ivonne Clark, who grew up in New York City before moving to the area. "I just grew up being Ivonne.... It was never a race issue.... I see myself as who I am; I don't know how other people see me."

The Latino community liaison for PHSC, Ms. Clark said that since moving here she has felt a difference in the way others treat her, such as being asked how she manages to speak and dress so well, and being followed around suspiciously by store owners while shopping.

She even recalled how one realtor told her that there was "nowhere to live in Pennington" when she was looking at houses.

"I didn't make the connection at the time that I was the wrong color," she said.

There are even realtors in the Princeton community who discourage people from buying a house in the Community Park School area because their children would go to school with "those people," said Cynthia Mendez, director of PHSC, referring to the minorities in town.

A 40-year resident of Princeton, Lance Liverman said that he observes more segregation today than he did growing up.

"I think we're more separated in our groups today than I've ever seen in my life," he said, adding that he has observed groups of students who stick together in crowds outside John Witherspoon Middle School or Princeton High School and never mingle with one another.

Race In Society

While some may divide Princeton into black and white, there were more than 12 nationalities in the backgrounds of those attending the dialogue, from Chinese to Cherokee Indian.

Residents were asked to recall the first time they realized there was race in society.

Pamela Elmi, director of program development at YWCA Princeton, recalled the shock she felt when she moved from New Jersey to Georgia at the age of 25.

"It was so intense; it really hit me," she said, adding that divisions such as black, white, gay, or straight, were extremely visible in the community.

One resident, Linda Oppenheim, recalled growing up in a school district with an excellent choir, led by an even more excellent choir director. However, she recalled that the director wouldn't allow blacks to sing, because "the quality of their voices was different."

One of the biggest issues in today's society, is that many people feel that race issues don't affect them, said K.P. Wesoloh: "You can be a Caucasian adult in this world and never think about race."

Discrimination is taught in the home, through a passing comment at the dinner table, or even by referring to the maid as a "girl," when she is a 40-year-old woman, said Ms. Mendez.

Several residents agreed that today's children need to be taught the right way to address race before they become adults.

"There are people who thought in our lifetime racism would be gone: why isn't it?" asked John Powell, a member of Princeton school board's minority education committee.

The community dialogue will continue in August with an ongoing discussion of race issues. For information on how to get involved, contact Princeton Human Services at (609) 688-2055.

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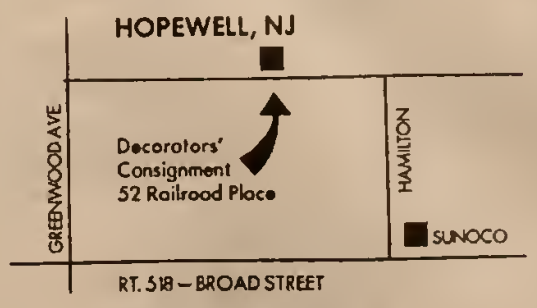

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Police Blotter

A 15-year-old Morrisville, Pa. youth was arrested on July 14 and charged with assaulting and robbing an unidentified 37-year-old man on Maclean Street. The youth was seen running from the scene of the crime and chased by Borough Ptl. William Perez. The officer had been summoned to the scene by a witness to the assault, who reported that it also involved another youth described as a black male wearing a long T-shirt.

The victim of the crime, who spoke no English, told police through an interpreter that he had been confronted by the two assailants, knocked to the ground, then punched and kicked while they tried to steal his wallet.

During the interrogation that followed the arrest, the accused youth was found to have several cell phones in his possession. He was placed in the Mercer County Youth Detention Center.

The investigation of the crime is being handled by Det. Kenneth Riley, who may be reached at (609) 921-8108.

A black 2002 Suzuki GS5 motorcycle valued at $4,000 was reported stolen on July 14 by a Dodds Lane resident, who told police the motorcycle had been parked in her driveway throughout the day before she returned home at 11:40 p.m. to find it gone. Police have no suspect(s).

Nine drivers were arrested over a two-week period on charges of driving while intoxicated: Jeffrey M. Saxton, 34, of Trenton, on July 2; Elizabeth A. Szenasi, 54, of Monmouth Junction, on July 2; Romuald Ciecluch, 58, of Clifton, on July 3; Gerhard Sommer, 35, of Oxford, on July 10; Wilfredo Marroquin of Witherspoon Street on July 12; Larry Geiger of Woodbury on July 8; Christopher Robert, 39, of Valley Road, on July 12; Michael J. Mears, 45, of Whitehouse Station, on July 16; and Chris Proulx, 21, of Audubon, on July 17. All were released after being assigned court dates to answer the charges.

Michael Fitton, 47, of Mershon Drive, was arrested on July 14 on a contempt of court warrant from Princeton Borough Municipal Court for violation of a restraining order. He was released after posting bail of $2,500.

Rupinder Singh, 38, of Devereaux Avenue, was arrested on July 14 at Princeton University on charges of having stolen a computer valued at $3,500 from the McCormick Art Museum in April. He was also charged with computer criminal activity. The arrest followed a lengthy investigation by Borough Det. Michael Bender, who was assisted by a Princeton University Department of Public Safety officer. Mr. Singh was released on his own recognizance with several complaint summonses.

A Trenton man suspected of shoplifting at the Princeton University store attempted to flee police after leaving the store shortly after noon on July 15. He was chased by Borough and Princeton University Police officers, who caught and captured him on the New Jersey Transit train tracks near the dinky station. The accused man, Clarence R. Walker, 50, was taken into custody, then held for a July 25 court date after he was found to be wanted on warrants from multiple jurisdictions totalling $8,058.

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Question of the Week:

"Why do you think Harry Potter is so popular and what are some of the most memorable scenes?"

(Asked at the Harry Potter party on Hulfish Street sponsored by Jazams)

"Harry Potter is popular because a lot of people sometimes believe in magic and sometimes there can be a lot of funny parts in it. It's also fun to watch as it has magic and power. I liked when Harry sees into the Three Broomsticks to hear what McGonagall and the Minister of Magic have to say."

— Nina Cerminaro, Monmouth Junction

"Harry Potter is popular with the teens because the actors are cute and the books are simply fabulous. I loved when Harry conjured up the stag to help him."

— Jill Work, East Brunswick

"It's really, really well written. You see a lot of hooks these days that talk down to you and she doesn't. She doesn't write it like a kids book. She writes for herself and you see that she doesn't try to water it down. The best scenes? They are all the best. I couldn't choose because they are all great." *— Leah Bartels, Greenbriar Row*

"These stories have a whole bunch of things going on that are not everyday events, but they tie into every day and they are very compelling. The most memorable scene is reading about Diagon Alley which is in London but only the Wizards can get to it." *— Paul Morin with Hannah(in the hat) and Haley, Pennington*

"What I like most aboout the book series is the imagination and the beautiful way that J.K.Rowling introduces children to what is right and what is wrong. She captures everyone's child within them. My favorite scene is when Miss McGonagall is greeting the new class with Harry and Ron in it and she is at the top of the stairs where she is drumming her fingers a bit and says, 'here's another year, here we go again.' She is a good stern woman and I like her." *— Chita St. Lawrence, East Windsor*

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Snowden/Van Dyke Subdivision Plan Tabled at Planning Board Review

The Regional Planning Board of Princeton once again had to table a plan to build a seven-home subdivision on a wooded property at Snowden Lane and Van Dyke Road. The hearing was cut short due to the late hour.

The 15-acre property has been at the center of a debate between residents and the developer, Township resident Joel Schwartz. Residents worry that traffic conditions will worsen at the intersection, near Herrontown Road, and that an increase in impervious surfaces in the area could lead to an increased risk of flooding.

The plot, which also contains wetland areas at points northeast and southeast, lies near the unnamed north tributary of Harry's Brook—a stream that has seen an increase in flooding over the past years.

Last Wednesday, at a site walk of the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission, Township Arborist Greg O'Neil said that approximately 500 trees would be removed if the project were approved. That number, however, could change as the applicant works on the subdivision's site design.

Mr. O'Neil added that there would also need to be some moderate blasting as that area is supported by bedrock.

At the application's initial hearing in May residents not only worried about the development, with houses between 4,000 and 8,000 square feet, but that the property was incorrectly analyzed based on a five-year-old Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that had been obtained by the current property owner, Myerson Associates.

The proposal is expected to return to the Planning Board sometime in September.

— Matthew Hersh

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WEDDINGS

Rebecca Hersh and Rondall Solomon

Hersh-Solomon. Rebecca Marie Hersh, daughter of Pam Hersh of Princeton and Richard Hersh of Paris, France, to Randall Edward Solomon, son of Anita Solomon of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Albert Solomon of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand officiated at the July 3 ceremony at the Nassau Inn.

Ms. Hersh and Mr. Solomon met through Mr. Solomon's dog, Hannibal. Hannibal came to work every day with Mr. Solomon, and Ms. Hersh would notice them walking by her office window. One day she decided to go out to meet the large white fluffy dog she saw every morning. The rest is history.

The bride, 32, of Princeton, is a policy analyst for New Jersey Future, a nonprofit smart-growth advocacy group and public policy think-tank based in Trenton. A graduate of Princeton High School, she received her B.S. from Carnegie Mellon University and her M.S. from Columbia University in urban planning. Before taking her current position, she was the communications director at the Tri-State Transportation Campaign in New York City, where she worked on transportation policy reform for the tri-state region. She was also a project associate at the Clinton Housing Development Corporation in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan, where she worked on low-income housing development and community revitalization for the neighborhood. She serves on the executive committee of the board of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association, and as the Association's newsletter editor.

The bride's mother is Director of Community and State Affairs for Princeton University, as well as a newspaper columnist and former managing editor of the Princeton Packet. Her father is a retired retail trade association executive and consultant.

The bridegroom, 35, born in Park Slope, Brooklyn, is Executive Director of the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute, and a doctoral student at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, where he received an M.S.P.P and held the honor of Eagleton Fellow. He has held several public policy positions in the area of environmental policy and sustainable development, including policy adviser for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, director of the States Program for Resource Renewal Institute in San Francisco, and Senior Policy Analyst and Director of the Sustainable State Project for New Jersey Future.

His mother is the owner of Solomon Holly Farm and a retired senior administrator for the New York City Board of Education for 30 years. His father is a retired educator and performance artist.

Noomi Lindenfeld and Michael Bosworth

Lindenfeld-Bosworth. Naomi Lindenfeld, daughter of Peter and Lore Lindenfeld of Princeton, to Michael Louis Bosworth, son of Marjorie Lou Bosworth of Granby, Mass., on June 18 at Scott Farm in Dummerston, Vt. The wedding was conducted by John Sprague, a minister of the Universal Life Church.

Born in Princeton, the bride attended Princeton public schools and graduated from Princeton High School. She received a bachelor of applied arts degree from Boston University in 1980. She is a potter in Brattleboro, Vt., and is the ceramics teacher at the Putney School in Putney, Vt. She is a co-founder of the Brattleboro Clayworks, a potters collective, and now has her studio in her home.

The bridegroom graduated from the College of the Holy Cross with a bachelor's degree in English, received an MBA from Western New England College in 1978, and a master of regional planning degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1993. He is the former executive director and current business manager of the Brick House Community Resource Center in Turners Falls, Mass. He has served on many community boards, and has been chair of the Franklin County Community Development Corporation and the Town of Montague Planning Board.

The bride's father is a professor emeritus of physics at Rutgers University; her mother is a fiber artist.

The groom's father, William Ezra Bosworth, now deceased, was a high school teacher of mathematics in Holyoke, Mass.; his mother is an elementary school teacher in Granby.

The couple met at a contradance at the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield, Mass. in 2000. They now make their home in Brattleboro, Vt.

Shulie Cowen and Koi Norezo

Cowen-Narezo. Shulie Cowen, daughter of Judge Robert E. Cowen and Toby Cowen of Princeton, to Kai Narezo, son of the late Theresa Narezo, of Mexico City, formerly of Princeton. Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal and the bride's father, a judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, co-officiated at the June 12 ceremony at Mountain Lakes House in Princeton.

The bride is a graduate of Princeton High School and Northwestern University. A former member of the Second City National Touring company in Chicago, she will be appearing in the upcoming Dreamworks film, *Just Like Heaven*. She is currently a director, performer, and teacher at Improv Olympic West in Hollywood, and teaches at the Second City Los Angeles.

The groom graduated from the Lawrenceville School and holds degrees from Columbia University and the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is a flamenco guitarist and recently completed his first solo CD, *Vueltas*. He has performed throughout North America and in Europe and Asia. He is currently teaching guitar and starting an independent record label that will focus on contemporary music for the guitar.

The couple met during the summer between high school and college when both were 18. They continued a friendship for many years even while living in different cities and for a time in different countries. They started dating three years ago and were married on the anniversary of the day they met.

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Foundation to Award Over $4.6 Million in Grants

The trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation have announced their approval of $4,660,000 in 2005 Arts grants. Ninety-six grants have been made to museums and galleries, community and media arts organizations, and performing arts organizations in the disciplines of theater, dance, and music, throughout the state of New Jersey. These grants also include a variety of organizations that provide services to the arts field and to New Jersey artists.

Princeton's McCarter Theatre will receive a grant of $135,000 for McCarter's New Play Development program; the New Jersey Opera Theater, $10,000, for support of the Summer Vocal Institute; and first-time grantee Princeton Symphony Orchestra, $5,000, for general operating support. The American Boychoir School will be given $15,000 for the development phase of a new multimedia touring program prototype.

Other Mercer County organizations receiving grants are Trenton's New Jersey Network ($75,000), Boheme Opera ($10,000), and Passage Theatre ($65,000).

According to David Grant, the Foundation's president and CEO, "The art that is being created in New Jersey continues to be impressive. From north to south and east to west, the arts organizations that the Foundation supports are truly making a difference in their communities — urban, suburban and rural — and making lasting impressions on audiences of all ages."

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation was established in 1974 through the foresight and generosity of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. The Foundation's five areas of giving are the Arts, Education, Environment, Morris County Initiatives, and the Welfare of Animals.

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Area Students Receive Wellesley Book Award

Seven area students were the winners of the annual Wellesley Book Award, given by the Wellesley Book Club of Central New Jersey, in recognition of a secondary school junior's academic environment and community service.

Students received presentation copies of The Norton Book of Women's Lives during school ceremonies held this spring.

The award recipients are: Melissa Welch, The Hun School; Mary Crawford Roberts, Stuart Country Day School; Alexa Hoyne, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South; Jhoany Benitz, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North; Tess Edmonds, Princeton High School; Nan Ni, The Lawrenceville School; and Amy Seymour, The Pennington School.

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NEWCOMERS: New Board members at the Princeton Senior Resource Center are (from left): Bill Barnhard, Nancy Arnold, Tom Stange, Judy Yaskin, and Deborah Blanks. Not pictured are Eric Lear, Megan Thomas, and Kay Heidere.

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Six Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported six births to area residents during the week ending July 17.

Sons were born to Jyoti and Ravi Bhagavan, Princeton, July 12; Kristin and Michael Bailey, Skillman, July 15; and Sara and John Dacruz, Princeton, July 16.

Daughters were born to Kathleen and James Barnhett, Skillman, July 11; Linda Nowicki and Gerard Dismukes, Princeton, July 12; and Karen and James Troiano, Lawrenceville, July 16.

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Acting Governor Codey Issues "Do Not Call" Alert

A letter from Acting Governor Richard J. Codey says that the "Do Not Call" law protecting New Jersey residents from telemarketers is at risk. Since numbers began being registered more than a year ago, some 3.2 million telephone numbers are no longer subject to the machinery of telemarketing.

According to Gov. Codey, however, the American Teleservices Association (ATA) has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission that seeks to have certain portions of New Jersey's "Do Not Call" law preempted because of alleged conflicts with the FCC's rules. In addition, a group of 33 organizatons (including the ATA) has filed another petition that seeks to have the FCC declare it has exclusive jurisdiction over interstate telemarketing.

The FCC is accepting comments from the public on both petitions until July 29. New Jersey residents who want continued protection from telemarketers are urged to contact the FCC and tell the agency how the "Do Not Call" law has improved their quality of life.

Residents will find more information about the two FCC petitions on the main page of the state's web site, www.state.nj.us., where a link for emailing comments directly to the FCC is provided.

One indicator of the effectiveness of the state law is that two lawsuits have been filed this spring against companies that allegedly violated the law by calling telephone numbers on the "Do Not Call" registry.

Consumer Affairs is the enforcement agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the "Do Not Call" law. Under the leadership of Director Kimberly S. Ricketts, the Division continues to investigate other consumer complaints about alleged violations of the law and remains committed to taking action against violators.

Consumers can register their residential landline and mobile telephone numbers by calling the Federal Trade Commission at 1-888-382-1222 or by logging on to www.donotcall.gov. For the convenience of New Jersey residents, the FTC's database is used, so there is no need to register a second time with the state.

Once a telephone number is registered, telemarketers in New Jersey have up to three months to stop calling. Also, the law does allow certain calls to continue, including solicitation from charities, queries from polling organizations, messages from political campaigns, and calls from businesses where a consumer has an established relationship.

In order to help with the enforcement of the "Do Not Call" law, residents who receive a telemarketing call at a registered telephone number should:

(1) Note the date and time of the call.

(2) Write down the name of the company on whose behalf the call is being made.

(3) Write down the caller's telephone number (if caller ID is available).

(4) Ask the caller the name of the telemarketing firm that he/she is working for if it hasn't been disclosed.

(5) Note the purpose of the call.

Residents are urged to file complaints with Consumer Affairs about calls that allegedly violate the "Do Not Call" law. To file a complaint, call 1-888-NJNOCALL (1-888-656-6225) or log on to www.nj.gov/donotcall for a complaint form. Consumers may file their complaints online or fill out a complaint form, sign it, and return it to the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 45025, Newark, N.J. 07101.

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Eva Siroka

Author Writes on Scandals Of 16th Century Rome

Artist, writer, and art historian Eva Siroka recently published a book that reflects all of her interests, *Maddoleno*, the first in a trilogy of illustrated books based on 16th century Rome.

The author, a Princeton resident, will hold a signing for her book on Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. at Chestnut Tree Books, located on Harrison Street in the Princeton Shopping Center.

The book tells the story of Maddalena, who lived during the harsh days of the Catholic Inquisition. Despite the severe moral climate of the Church, the Vatican's most powerful cardinal has an illegitimate son, a Jewish mistress (Maddefena), and an ongoing affair with a 16-year-old boy. Along with a story based much on facts of the time, the story is illustrated through ink and water color drawings created by the author.

European-born and educated in the U.S., Ms. Siroka forged her interest in art, literature, history, and languages at Hunter College, CUNY, and at Princeton University, where she earned her doctorate. Since 1972, her dual training in art history and fine arts continues to merge in varied projects, including academic and creative writing, and her art, particularly book illustrations and copies of old master paintings and drawings.

For more information, see next week's story on Ms. Siroka in Town Topics, or visit www.EvaSiroka.com.

Franklin Fever Continues At Plainsboro Library

Plainsboro Public Library will continue its summer program Franklin Fever series with three offerings at the end of July.

Back by popular demand is the Next Stage Ensemble of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, performing Irish playwright Dion Boucicault's comedy of manners and mistaken identities, *London Assurance*, on Wednesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. The play, with its madcap store of craziness, was an influence on better known playwright Oscar Wilde's famous play, *The Importance of Being Ernest*. The Next Stage performers, working in the manner of traveling troupes from bygone eras, arrive shortly before the scheduled event, set up a temporary stage, and leap into rollicking, professional action within an hour on an intimate stage.

Following the event is a cardboard canoe race, where entrants build a boat on the spot, with one roll of tape, one sheet of cardboard, one razor knife and one hour of time. Registration will take place on the day of the event, which is held at Water's Edge Park off Pond View Drive.

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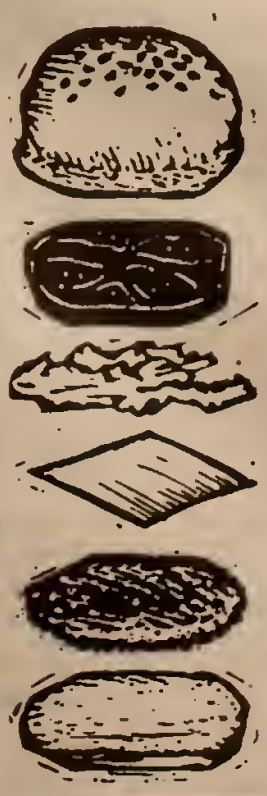

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Senior Housing

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sufficient density which we need to be able to work on the site," she said.

She said that the costs incurred from spreading out the site would make the project more difficult to build, and that Hovnanian had already cuts costs by proposing fewer, albeit, larger buildings.

Citing results from various market surveys, Ms. Roberts said her firm found that seniors 62 and over tend to want to be in a "home" setting rather than an apartment.

"Why would people move from a three-bedroom ranch to an apartment?," she said.

After the meeting, Jefferson Road resident Roz Denard said she was surprised that the Hovnanian proposal had received as much resistance from SPRAB as it had. "We've done all this: the buildings had been changed to suit all of the complaints and all the criticism."

A founder of Community Without Walls, an organization dedicated to ensuring that seniors can age "in place" without having to move to the fringes of the community, Ms. Denard said she found it puzzling that SPRAB had revisited the initial concerns offered after Hovnanian presented a concept plan to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton in April 2004. "What are they doing? We're past this stage," she added.

A former Township Committeewoman, Ms. Denard cited the priority long put forth by Committee to provide more senior housing in the Township. Currently there are no market rate senior housing units in the Township.

"I was disappointed with the reaction of SPRAB, particularly in light of the number of years we have been trying to get senior housing in the community," said Committeeman Bill Enslin in a separate interview.

He added that the zoning of the site, in this case, the Township's Office Research Zone with a Residential Senior Community District overlay zone, accommodates the housing. Mr. Enslin also cited the nearby 606 New Jersey Transit bus, and the Princeton Shopping Center in his defense of the proposed locale of Four Seasons. Mr. Enslin said the environmental issues involved with the site would be carefully monitored. However, Ms. Denard suggested that additional obstacles could be addressed in the application's pre-construction phases. "The time has come, the changes have been made. Let's move on."

—Matthew Hersh

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Borough Project

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The original projections of raising the parking fees by 15 percent by 2007 could increase the profit margin if the Borough decides to hike rates before that date.

"I think we may revisit rates before 2007, particularly when it comes to Sundays," Mr. Goldfarb said, adding that while the Borough has lost revenue throughout the delay, it has gained the additional parking, the new library, and the nearly-open public plaza next to the library. Although the plaza is open to the public, it still awaits the construction of a pergola that will surround the periphery.

"People can make their own value judgment about which is better, but I feel what we have is better than what we had before," he said, predicting that the project will turn cash-flow positive shortly after it is completed.

However, to mitigate revenue lost in the first two years, "drastic changes" will be required down the line, including the aforementioned increase in parking fees. According to Mr. Bruschi's financial update to Council, 2005 will be the first year the Borough profits on the development project. But that profit, $46,882, is still $650,840 short of the 2002 estimate. Mr. Bruschi added that while those initial projections will not be realized in the short-term, the eventual yield will be in line with the original estimates.

Garage repairs to correct the damp basement are expected to be undertaken by fall, according to the developer. NHKT principal Robert Powell was not certain how much repairs might cost, but estimates have reportedly fallen within the $400,000 area. Borough officials said the municipality will not be responsible for shouldering that cost.

—Matthew Hersh

Better Business Bureau Warns Online Shoppers

Better Business Bureaus have issued an international alert warning the public about individuals who are fraudulently using the BBB name to extort money from online shoppers seeking to purchase "big-ticket" items advertised at "low ball" prices.

BBBs in eight states, from Ohio to California, have received queries from online shoppers who were directed to use bogus BBB services or received bogus BBB invoices when purchasing jet skis, cars, motorcycles, and similar items advertised on auction, classifieds, and other Web sites. Sites where such items were allegedly listed include eBay, Craigslist, Carbuyer.com, and Motorcycletrader.com.

Complainants reported that when they attempted to buy the item by communicating directly with the seller, they were advised that their financial payment would be "handled securely through the "Better Business Bureau Company's Insurance service." Buyers were told to email the seller, whom, they were advised, would send their email to the BBB, which would let them know if they were preferred customers and could begin the transaction.

Mr. Hunter advised consumers to take note of the following:

• The BBB does not operate a "Better Business Bureau Insurance Service," and it does not offer a "BBB Auto Buyers Protection Program."

•The BBB is not a "preferred insurance provider" for eBay or any other entity.

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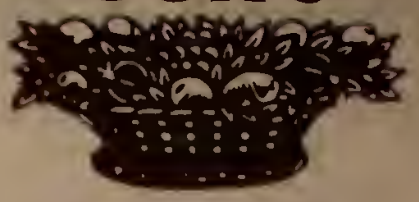

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mesh with the neighborhood, a certain amount of building density is needed to achieve goals such as senior housing — a concept that has not been endorsed, but one that has been put forth in architect J. Robert Hillier's 280-unit plan that includes a park and some commercial spaces.

Princeton HealthCare System, the parent entity of UMCP, employed Mr. Hillier, a minority owner of Town Topics, to put together a concept that would give municipal planners an idea of what kind of zoning would be attractive to prospective developers. PHCS is also banking on the land sale to finance a portion of the hospital's proposed $350 million state-of-the-art campus.

However, the municipalities are hoping to use any new development as an opportunity to act on affordable housing requirements, as mandated by the state in the Council on Affordable Housing's new third round regulations. While neither the Borough nor the Township have yet put together an affordable housing plan that is compliant with the new rules, the hospital site is seen as a potential location of affordable units.

Building and population density, however, will determine how many affordable units can be built. As the density increases, the more affordable housing options present themselves, said Lee Solow, planning director for the Planning Board.

The Hillier concept envisions about 510,000 square-feet for total floor area, just slightly under the amount currently used by the hospital. Twenty percent of the units fall under the mandatory designation of affordable housing, and the Planning Board has asked that the designation be increased to 25 percent. The Planning Board has also recommended that, in order to maximize affordable housing, at least 75 percent of the units not be age restricted.

That recommendation did not sit well with some board members like Wendy Benchley, who characterized a 510,000 square-foot complex as a "very, very dense housing development."

"I know a lot can be done with good design, but it's a lot of density and housing units for that neighborhood," she said.

Another planning board member, Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, warned the board not to play a "shell game with any future developer," and to avoid "rigging the deal" for the hospital before a deal is actually done by creating master plan amendments that would dictate zoning and possibly restrict density allowance.

"We do not yet know what the square-footage is going to be on the Witherspoon Street campus, and though we know what the acreage is, we want to make sure we're not cheating the property owner," he said.

But several residents wondered how much the issue of density — specifically the reduction of density — actually means to the hospital and the sale of its land, and that the design of any future development be done in keeping with the surrounding neighborhoods. Residents called for the Borough and Township to employ its own consultant to explore the possibilities found on the Witherspoon campus. In a statement, PHCS President and CEO Barry Rabner said the reason the hospital contracted with Mr. Hillier's firm at the onset was to answer re-use questions.

Additionally, Mr. Rabner was afraid that bringing in new consultants would delay the planning process further:

"Since so much work has been done on this project already, we are uncertain about what value a new planner could bring to the process. Most importantly, the delays caused by repeating the process will actually jeopardize the viability of the hospital relocation project."

Other conclusions drawn up by the Planning Board are that the hospital-owned homes along Harris Road remain as private residences; the surgical center at the corner of Henry Avenue and Witherspoon Street should remain for office use; the parking garage should be re-used to serve whatever development follows the hospital's planned departure; and that the existing zoning that permits a general-use hospital should remain until UMCP relocates.

The Planning Board's Master Plan Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, August 16, at 9 a.m. at Township Hall to begin drafting language for possible amendments to the master plan in regard to the hospital site.

—Matthew Hersh

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On July 15, Tower 62 responded to an unfounded report of a natural gas leak at Westerly Road.

Also on the 15th, Tower 62, and Squirt 63 responded to a report of smell of electrical burning at an educational facility on Broadmead Street. The cause of the odor was determined to be a malfunctioning light ballast.

On July 16, Tower 62 responded to a Boudinot Street residence for a reported water main leak. Upon investigation the cause of the leak was determined to be a backed up toilet.

On July 17, Engine 61 responded to wires down in the roadway on the Great Road.

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 46 calls between July 9 and July 15. Twenty-nine calls were located in Princeton Township, 15 were in Princeton Borough, and two were in Lawrence Township. Included in these numbers were six calls to Princeton University.

On Saturday afternoon, July 9, the Squad responded to an assisted care facility for an elderly male who came close to losing consciousness. According to reports from the facility's staff, the patient suddenly slumped over in the dining room and was diaphoretic and pale. The staff brought the man up to his room and lay him in bed, and when the Squad arrived they found that although he felt better and his color had improved, his pulse was quite slow. He was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for further evaluation.

On the afternoon of July 15, the Squad was dispatched to a cardiologist's office on Harrison Street on the report of a possible heart attack. Upon arrival, the crew was informed that a 64-year-old man had just completed a stress test and was preparing to leave the office when he collapsed. Because a pulse could not be detected, the crew initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the patient and attached him to an automatic defibrillator. The crew administered CPR as the man was transported to UMCP, where a pulse was regained in the Emergency Department.

On the evening of July 15, the Squad was dispatched to Palmer Square where a crowd was gathered to watch an outdoor showing of a motion picture. A 43-year-old member of the audience had experienced seizures while watching the film. Upon arrival of the Squad, the seizures had stopped and the patient was fully alert and conscious. The patient, who has been managing a seizure condition since childhood, ultimately refused transport to the hospital after being evaluated by the Squad.

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MAILBOX

New Sources of Revenue Would Permit Maintenance of Borough Police Force

To the Editor:

The Borough's struggle to effectively manage its budget is leading to a serious reduction in critical services, most pointedly that of public safety. The proposal to permanently reduce the size of the police force by two officers through attrition is both unfair and potentially dangerous.

The Borough police, unlike their counterparts in surrounding semi-rural communities like the Township, meet the everyday challenges similar to those experienced in most small cities across the country. In terms of competence, professionalism, and friendliness, the Borough's police force ranks with the best. From 1998 to 2003, the addition of new officers resulted in a 19.8 percent reduction in crime; in 2004 when the attrition policy was adopted, this number reversed itself.

We are now facing a situation where this manpower shortage is putting considerable stress on the remaining members of the force. The increase in workload results in a reduction in the amount of discretionary time that an officer has for writing reports, processing arrested persons, and answering calls for service. Community policing programs and patrols, popular in Princeton with residents and business owners, will be significantly scaled back, leaving an enormous vacuum in overall municipal safety, not to mention public perception.

One of the primary reasons a family makes a choice to live or shop in a town like Princeton is because of the community's commitment to public safety. Most families who decide to live here or operate a business here are willing to accept high rates of taxation because they know there is a corresponding level of service. Now we are looking at the service dissipating while taxes continue to increase.

The position is made even more confusing to business owners when you consider the bureaucracy that holds up projects like Hulfish North, which could bring in millions in rateables into the Borough coffers. Shouldn't the Borough focus on increasing its tax base? Why cut vital services when all the Council needs to do is assign priority to projects that will help solve the budget problem? Why put our families and businesses at risk when the solution to maintaining services, like police staffing levels, could be waiting for approval at the planning office?

It is my understanding that in January Hulfish North received unanimous conceptual approval from the planning board, but since then the project has been bogged down in bureaucratic delays and questionable scheduling conflicts.

Isn't it the responsibility of the Borough to protect its residential and commercial taxpayers, not penalize them for the municipal government's lack of initiative in opening the way to new sources of revenue? These are challenging times for merchants. Why make things even tougher for us with unnecessary service cuts when a positive solution like Hulfish North is within our reach?

KATHLEEN MOROLDA
Cranbury Station Gallery
Palmer Square East

Palmer Square Housing Development, Long Overdue, Deserves Top Priority

To the Editor:

In 2002 we put our names on the list to purchase a residential unit at the proposed development on Palmer Square. Periodically we call the Palmer Square office to get an update on when the units will be completed. We always receive the same answer, which is in about eighteen months to two years following final approvals by the planning board. So naturally we ask when will final approvals occur, and we are told that plans are still under review and no dates have been set for a hearing.

Following the January 2005 conceptual hearing we were somewhat encouraged when the planning board gave their "thumbs up," but once again this project has been stalled by what appears to be a ridiculously long, overly bureaucratic review period.

Anyone driving along Paul Robeson Place knows that this project needs to be underway. The current site, with or without the garden and the Writers' Block, has been an eyesore since the early 1990s. The new development must provide the municipality with a significant increase in rateables to help them with their budget problems. And businesses in the Borough will benefit from all the new residents and increased activity.

Why put this project on the back burner when it should be a top priority?!

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OR fill out the following survey below and mail to Town Topics Reader Survey, 4 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.
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INTEREST QUESTIONS

1) How satisfied are you with Town Topics in general?
(1=Very Dissatisfied, 5=Very Satisfied)
○ 1
○ 2
○ 3
○ 4
○ 5

2) How often do you read the paper?
○ Every week
○ Almost every week
○ At least once a month
○ Less than once a month
○ Hardly ever

3) Which part of the paper do you like most? (Please pick up to 3)
○ Arts
○ Theater
○ Culture
○ Calendar
○ Classifieds
○ Real estate
○ Sports
○ Municipal News
○ Feature stories
○ Advertisements

4) Of the following, which would you like to see more of in the paper? (Check all that apply)
○ Municipal news
○ Human Interest
○ Feature Stories
○ Business
○ Financial coverage
○ University news and announcements
○ Coverage of children's events (at schools and in town.)

5) Which one of the following additions to Town Topics would you like us to pursue? (Please indicate any additional suggestions in the comments section at the end of this page.)
○ Section dedicated to the University
○ Spanish page
○ Opinions and commentary page
○ Style and society section
○ Political/social cartoon ("New Yorker" Style)
○ Cross-word puzzle
○ More interactive web site
○ TV show on local cable access

6) Which other papers do you read? (check all that apply)
○ Times of Trenton
○ New York Times
○ U.S.1
○ Wall Street Journal
○ Princeton Packet

7) What would you think if Town Topics began running a color photo on the front Page?
○ I would like it a lot
○ It might be nice
○ It does not matter to me at all
○ I would not like it

LOOK AND FEEL

8) How do you feel about the paper visually?
(check all that apply)
○ The paper is charming the way it is-don't change a thing
○ The paper could be more modern
○ The columns are too narrow
○ The text is too small
○ I don't like how I have to follow the stories throughout the paper (stories aren't contained on one page)
○ There are not enough pictures
○ The space between columns is too narrow
○ The paper appears too cluttered

9) In which of the following locations would you like to see color added to the paper? (Check all that apply)
○ Title and logo
○ Photo on front page
○ Real Estate section
○ Masthead (see Page 2 of Town Topics upper left hand corner)
○ Advertising
○ Sports photos
○ Nowhere — I like the current black and white look

SPORTS

10) Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about the sports section?
○ I am satisfied with the sports coverage in Town Topics
○ I would like to see a greater emphasis on Princeton University sports
○ I would like to see a greater emphasis on high school sports
○ I would like to see an athlete of the week or month column
○ I do not read the sports section

SUPPLEMENTS

Throughout the year Town Topics runs special insert supplements that either pull out of the paper or are printed on the center pages

11) Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about the Town Topics supplements?
○ I enjoy reading all of the different supplements
○ I only read the supplements that pertain to me and people I know
○ I don't remember the last time I read one of the supplements
○ I throw the supplements out

12) Which of the following supplements was useful and/ or enjoyable to you? (check all that apply)
○ Special Event Planning Guide
○ Summer Camp Guide
○ Home Improvement Supplement
○ Communiversity Guide
○ Mother's Day Issue
○ Graduation page
○ Fitness Guide
○ Back to School Supplement
○ Home for the Holidays
○ A Whole New You

13) If we were to change the design of the supplement section, which of the following changes would you like most? (Please lets us know any suggestions in the comments section below.)
○ A glossy magazine style supplement
○ As a center section in the paper
○ Letter sized newsprint booklet
○ Different subjects for the supplements

WEB SITE

14) How often do you log on to the Town Topics web site, http://www.towntopics.com?
○ Once a week or more
○ More than once a month
○ Once a month
○ Less than Once a month
○ Never

15) Which of the following would you like to see added to our web site? (check all that apply)
○ Late breaking editorial news
○ Local election results
○ Movie listings
○ Weather report
○ Classified ads
○ Real Estate
○ SAVE pet of the week
○ Town Talk
○ Police Blotter
○ Sports scores
○ Local sports schedules
○ Advertisements
○ Topics in Brief
○ Town Topics TV on TV 30

16) How interested are you in watching a Town Topics weekly news program on TV 30 that airs on Thursday evenings?
○ Very interested
○ Somewhat interested
○ I would maybe watch every once and a while
○ I would probably not watch the show
○ I am not able to view TV30
○ I am not familiar with TV30

DEMOGRAPHICS (OPTIONAL)

18) *This section is optional. The purpose is to help us understand more about our readers.*
Which of the following best describes where you live?
○ Princeton Borough
○ Princeton Township
○ Montgomery Township
○ Franklin Township
○ Plainsboro Township
○ West Windsor Township
○ Lawrence Township
○ Hopewell Township
○ Other

19) Please indicate your gender:
○ Female
○ Male

20) Please indicate the range that includes your current age:
○ 18 and under
○ 19-25
○ 26-35
○ 36-45
○ 46-55
○ 56-65
○ 66-75
○ 76-85
○ 86-95
○ 96-105

21) Please indicate the highest level of education that you have achieved:
○ Less than high school
○ High school
○ College
○ Graduate or professional school
○ Post-graduate

22) How long have you lived in this area?
○ Less than 2 years
○ 3-5 years
○ 6-10 years
○ 11-20 years
○ more than 20 years

23) How many people live in your household?
○ 1
○ 2
○ 3
○ 4
○ 5
○ 6
○ 7
○ more than 7

24) How many members of your household read Town Topics?
○ 1
○ 2
○ 3
○ 4
○ 5
○ 6
○ 7
○ more than 7

25) Which of the following statements best describes yourself? (check all that apply)
○ I am a student
○ I am married
○ I am single
○ I have young children
○ I am not married, but in a relationship
○ I have children that are in middle school or high school
○ I am retired

Disclaimer: This information will solely be used internally by Town Topics and will not be shared.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTACH COMMENTS.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will better help us bring you your local news in the way that is more appropriate for you.
Thank you again and good luck in the prize drawing! Winners will be notified on or about August 5th, 2005.

Official Rules: Prize-drawing entries will be accepted from July 13, 2005 to August 3, 2005. Entries for contact information without completed surveys will be nullified and removed from prize drawing. Limit one prize per entry. Limit one entry per Town Topics reader. Winners will be notified via telephone and e-mail and have seven days to respond before a new winner will be selected. A complete list of winners can be obtained from the Town Topics after August 12, 2005. Eligibility: All participants under the age of 18 must have the permission of a parent or legal guardian. Only serious readers, please. Prizes are subject to certain restrictions at the discretion of the sponsor. *certain restrictions may apply.

ART

"THE RED SAIL": The Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is celebrating its 24th Annual Summer Exhibition with an exhibit from several artists who have shown there in the past, including the artist who created this oil painting, Barbara Kes Farnham. The gallery artists will show oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastels with a variety of subjects such as landscapes, figurative work, and cityscapes. The Coryell Gallery is located at 8 Coryell Street, Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0804.

"APPLE JAM": This watercolor painting by Princeton artist Lucy Graves McVicker will will be on display at the Pennswood Village Art Gallery through September 5, as part of an exhibit, "Watercolor and Beyond." Ms. McVicker is the Artist in Residence at the Center of Arts in Skillman. Her work has been shown in various juried exhibitions, including the American Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition, the annual Salmagundi show in New York, and more than 30 others in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Moscow. An artist's reception and talk for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, July 24, at 3 p.m. The Pennswood Village Art Gallery is located at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown, Pa. For more information, call (215) 968-9110.

Coryell Gallery Exhibits Artists Over The Years

The Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is holding the 24th Annual Summer Exhibition of distinguished artists associated with the gallery over the years, with a reception to meet the artists on Sunday, July 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. The exhibit will continue through September 25.

The gallery artists will show oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastels with a variety of subjects such as landscapes, figurative work, and cityscapes. The artists have exhibited in many major invitational and juried shows throughout the country and abroad, winning top awards.

Among the artists in the show are Joanne Augustine, Gabrielle Baumgartner, Albert W. Bross, Jr., W. Carl Burger, Vincent Ceglia, Marge Chavooshian, Tom Chesar, Harriet Ermentrout, Alexander and Barbara Farnham, Mike Filiplak, Richard Lennox, Lucy McVicker, Pamela Miller, Benham Khavaran, Charles Ross, Elizabeth Ruggles, Robert Sakson, Joanne Scott, Colette Sexton, Nancy Silvia, Judith Sutton, George Van Hook, Valerie Von Betzen, Luiz Vilela, Barbara Watts, Charles W. Ward (1900-1962), Anne Steele Marsh (1901-1995), and Ranulph Bye (1916-2003).

Sculptors will include Josie Dellenbaugh, George Douris, Richard Gerster, and Jeanne Pasley, and there will also be pottery by Ann Tsubota and Katherine Hackl.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, located at 8 Coryell Street, Lambertville, is in a remodeled sausage factory built alongside the Historic Delaware and Raritan Canal. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

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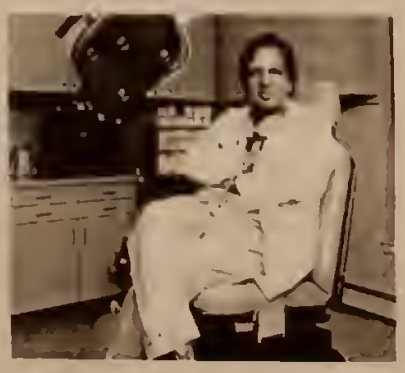

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"INSIDE OUT": An exhibit titled, "Works in Wax" will be on display at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick through September 19. The exhibition features paintings by Alyce Gottesman, a New Jersey-based painter. The works are built up as layers of wax which are painted on wooden panels. The Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is located at [illegible]. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information, call (732) 524-6957.

Michener Museum Exhibits Native American Artworks

The Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa., is currently exhibiting, "Art in 2 Worlds: The Native American Fine Art Invitational," a contemporary art exhibition organized by the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Az.

This exhibition runs through October 16, in the Wachovia Gallery. Sponsored by Americans for Native Americans in Doylestown with additional support from a friend of the Michener Art Museum, "Art in 2 Worlds" celebrates the creativity and innovation of Native American artists, drawing on the dynamic work featured in the Heard Museum's seven Invitational fine art exhibitions from 1983 through 1997.

"Like the Invitationals it draws from, 'Art in 2 Worlds' is not just an exhibition," says Margaret Archuleta, curator of fine art for the Heard Museum. "It challenges visitors, giving them the opportunity to expand their understanding and gain new knowledge about contemporary Native American fine art."

Among the artists whose work is featured are painter Marty Avrett (Coushatta); sculptor and mixed media artist Nora Naranjo-Morse (Tewa); painter Norman Akers (Osage/Pawnee); painter Kay WalkingStick (Cherokee); and Winnebago artist Truman Lowe.

Contemporary Native American artists address social, political, and artistic issues that parallel the complexity of Native American life in the modern world. Each artist makes a personal statement about these issues. One of the leading forces in the Native American Fine Art Movement since the early 1960s, the Heard Museum's recurrent Fine Art Invitationals offer emerging and established artists a prestigious and unique opportunity to exhibit their work in a museum setting.

A non-thematic exhibition that encourages innovative artistic expression and the creative process, the Invitational has worked to expand visitors' understanding of Native American artwork.

"The Heard Museum Invitational has become incredibly important in promoting contemporary Native American fine art," said Ms. Archuleta. "These recurring exhibitions illustrate that Native American art is continually evolving and isn't just about pottery and baskets. It's also about painting, sculpture, and a variety of other media — and each art [illegible].

The Heard Museum is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1929 by Dwight B. and Marie Bartlett Heard to house their personal collection of primarily Native American artifacts. Today, the internationally-acclaimed museum is known for its extensive collections of Native American artifacts and fine art, unique exhibits, special events, and innovative programming.

Americans for Native Americans (ANA), is a Doylestown-based non-profit organization and the lead sponsor for Art in 2 Worlds at the Michener Art Museum. ANA was founded by Bill and Connie Eastburn after they learned that 17 Native Americans had frozen to death on a reservation near Gallup, New Mexico during the winter of 1990 because of inadequate protection from the harsh elements of the high desert. The Eastburns organized a grass-roots effort in Bucks County, Pa. to send two tons of blankets to the reservation. Since 1991 ANA's blanket drives and shipments have continued every year, along with other aid initiatives in the areas of medical care, literacy, housing, education, and agriculture.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, Pa. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday evenings until 9 p.m. The gallery is closed Monday.

Members and children under six are free; general admission is $6.50, student (with current ID) $4, senior citizens age 60 and older, $6. For more information, call (215) 340-9800, or visit www.michenerartmuseum.org. For group tours, dial extension 140.

NATIVE AMERICAN ART: This lithograph on paper was created in 1983 by David P. Bradley of the Chippewa Indians. It will be on view as part of an exhibit at The Michener Art Museum, "Art in 2 Worlds: The Native American Fine Art Invitational," a contemporary art exhibition organized by the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Az. This exhibition runs through October 16, in the Wachovia Gallery. The Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, Pa. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday evenings until 9 p.m. The gallery is closed Monday. For more information, call (215) 340-9800, or visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

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"MOTHER'S LOVE": This photograph, taken by Terry Lyons, will be exhibited at the Montgomery Center for the Arts from July 29 through September 11. The Center is exhibiting photos from the Princeton Photography Club's artists, including this four-year member of the organization, who has had a passion for photography for 25 years. The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 921-3272, or visit www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com.

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Princeton Photographers Hold Exhibition of Work

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will hold the Princeton Photography Club's annual members exhibition from July 29 through September 11. A reception, open to the public, will be held on Sunday, July 31, from 1 to 4 p.m., with a gallery talk at 2 p.m. by participating artists.

An estimated 40-50 photographs will be included in the show, both traditional and digital processes and prints.

The Princeton Photography Club, founded in 1983 in Princeton, is a group of local professional and amateur photographers interested in art education and growth. Members come from all over central New Jersey. The Club provides an environment where members meet to exchange ideas and information and to share philosophies. Meetings are held September through May, on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Center for the Arts. Programs include field trips, visits from teachers and professional photographers, and critiques of members' works. At the Mercer County Photographic Exhibition the Club sponsors an award in memory of John Apostolos, a founding member.

Club member Philip A. Cruickshank of Princeton, said, "My interest in photography began as a child when my mother gave me a Kodak Baby Brownie camera and taught me how to develop and print the film. By high school I had progressed to a 35 mm range finder camera, a full-fledged darkroom, and a position as a photographer for the high school publications. During subsequent years I found little time to devote to photography. Upon retirement I invested in new equipment, a digital SLR camera, lenses, and everything to go with a 'digital darkroom.' I signed up for my first formal photography courses, seeking to enhance my skills as a nature and landscape photographer. Five years ago I joined the Princeton Photography Club to find the comradeship of people with similar interests."

Said Terry Lyons of Hillsborough, "Photography has been my passion for over 25 years. Landscapes, wildlife, and geometric abstracts, both color and black and white, comprise the bulk of my portfolio. Through photography, I have learned to cherish, appreciate, and see the beauty of the moment. The practice of its principles has strengthened and heightened both my visual and intuitive senses, and allows me to better connect with the world around me. And though inspired by the work of contemporary photographers, I seek to create a look that is both genuine and unique. I have been a member of the Princeton Photography Club's for four years."

The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 921-3272, or visit www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com.

Artist Autin Wright To Speak on Works

On Friday, July 22, 2005, Grounds for Sculpture's artist lecture series in conjunction with Toad Hall Shop and Gallery's exhibit "Figure and Form," will present artist Autin Wright. He will speak about his work and the process used in creating his bronze forms.

Mr. Wright was born and educated in Jamaica. After completing a degree at Connecticut Institute of Art, He moved to Trenton where he now holds a position on the Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture staff. Quintessential to his work, his forms are smooth and pure, and his surfaces are simple.

"I'm inspired by subtle patterns of nature," he said.

The lecture and reception at Grounds For Sculpture is open to the public. The lecture begins at 7:45 p.m., and will take place in the domestic art building. The reception at the Toad Hall Shop and Gallery's "Figure and Form" will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grounds For Sculpture, a public charitable organization, consists of a 35-acre sculpture park, two indoor museum facilities, and Rat's restaurant. It is located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, New Jersey, 08619. For more information, call (609) 689-1089, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

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Acclaimed photographer Ricardo Barros is currently displaying his photographs in the second floor Reference Gallery at the Princeton Public Library. On Monday, Mr. Barros gave a talk on his works, and on his recently published book, *Focing Sculpture: A Portfolio of Portraits, Sculpture, and Reloted Ideos.* .

The library's exhibit of Mr. Barros's work is the first in a new series of collaborative contemporary art exhibitions in partnership with the Arts Council of Princeton.

"We're very fortunate to have Ricardo be part of our first exhibit in the Reference Gallery," said Leslie Burger, director of the library, adding that Mr. Barros had been involved in the process of selecting and commissioning artwork for the library's new facility.

Focing Sculpture, which was published last year by Mr. Barros's own publishing company, Image Spring Press, received the "Best of 2004" Philly Gold Award. The Philly Gold design competition identifies the Philadelphia region's finest creative work.

The book features more than 60 interpretive portraits taken over a seven-year period, some of which are now on display at the library. The idea for the book began when Mr. Barros was commissioned by Grounds for Sculpture to photograph some sculptors with their works. One of the first sessions was with Isaac Witkin, who, after posing with his work indoors, was coaxed outside by Mr. Barros for what he felt was a photographic opportunity.

Another photo session was with Magdalena Abakanowicz.

"I liken her to a rock star in the art world," said Mr. Barros, as he showed the audience the black and white photograph in which he captured her likeness just as the wind was blowing through her hair and her head was titled up toward the sky.

The Next Level

After his third commission, Grounds for Sculpture asked Mr. Barros if he would like to hold an exhibit of his work the following year.

"It was quite a feat because I had a show but only three photographs," he told his library audience.

It was then that he realized he needed a theme for his show, which later became his book, where he observes various sculptors, discovers what their work is about, and photographs them in a way that portrays the artist's character.

While Mr. Barros had numerous artist friends he could have photographed, he instead chose to photograph strangers by contacting gallery curators and asking them to set him up with sculptors from various exhibits.

"Each of the portrait sessions was about studying the artists and finding which [photograph] showed their personality," he said, adding that in most cases he was given four hours to photograph the artist. Some would give him less time than he wanted, while others would let him stay on and watch as they worked.

In one photograph, Mr. Barros features Jamaican-born sculptor Autin Wright, with his cast aluminum sculptured titled, "The Sleep," which shows the facial progression of the eyes and mouth as one moves towards sleep.

Just as Mr. Wright's sculpture emphasizes the eyes, Mr. Barros wanted to emphasize the sculptor's eyes, which he does through a black and white photograph highlighting the white of his eyes, with a blurred view of his sculpture behind him.

Another artist he photographed in 1999 was Martha Posner, who creates three-dimensional art based on fairy tales. Mr. Barros said he went to her home in Pennsylvania and did an entire photo shoot, after which Ms. Posner offered to show him some of her watercolor paintings.

"They were like nothing I had ever seen before," said Mr. Barros, describing the way the paint seemed to pour down the palette.

When he asked her how she had created the pieces, she told him she had taken her completed paintings and put them under the faucet. Asked why, she told him: "I wasn't afraid to risk losing the painting on the chance that I could make it better."

Inspired by the courage behind this notion, Mr. Barros decided to return to Ms. Posner's home for another photo shoot, in which he captured her in a way that appeared to blend her torso with one of her watercolor paintings, which he felt truly described the artist behind the work.

Mr. Barros has been the principal photographer at Grounds for Sculpture since 1992, and his photographs regularly appear in Sculpture Magazine. His studio is located in Morrisville, Pa.

His exhibit will be on display at the library through October 30. Framed prints of the artist's work are available through Marsha Child Contemporary in Princeton. For more information on Mr. Barros, or to sign up for one of his digital photography classes to be held this fall, visit www.ricardobarros.com.

— Candace Braun

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CAPTURING THE ARTIST: Photographer Ricardo Barros photographed sculptor Martha Posner for his book, "Facing Sculpture." Ms. Posner creates three-dimensional art based on fairy tales as well as watercolor paintings. Here Mr. Barros attempts to capture Ms. Posner inside one of her paintings. (Photo by Ricardo Barros)

FACING SCULPTURE: Acclaimed photographer Ricardo Barros gave a talk at the Princeton Public Library on Monday on his book, "Facing Sculpture: A Portfolio of Portraits, Sculpture, and Related Ideas." The book is filled with more than 60 photographs of sculptors and their work. (Photo courtesy of Image Spring Press)

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NJ Opera Program at the Library Kicks Off Summer Series at Berlind

The New Jersey Opera Theater (NJOT) will offer a preview of its summer performances this Friday at the Princeton Public Library.

The program, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the library's first floor Community Room, will feature works from Mozart's *The Morrioge of Figaro*, Rossini's *Borber of Seville*, and Massenet's *Cherubin*, along with music by Paisiello, Corigliano, and Milhaud.

The library event will give residents a chance both to preview the company's first summer season at McCarter and to mingle with members of NJOT.

"This is a great opportunity for us to link to an area organization....and to introduce people to the world of opera," said Scott Altman, the artistic director for NJOT.

The company is presenting a season celebrating operatic versions of the works of the French dramatist Beaumarchais at McCarter's Berlind Theatre in August.

In previous years, McCarter served as home to the Opera Festival of New Jersey, before it closed in November 2003.

According to Mr. Altman, NJOT is the "torch bearer for the Opera Festival." He co-founded NJOT with his wife, Lisa Altman, who serves as the company's executive director. Before starting their own company in 2002, the two had been working at the Opera Festival. Ms. Altman was the artistic administrator for the company, and Mr. Altman had sung in seven productions there.

When the Opera Festival's financial situation began to look grim, they decided to start their own opera company, with the intention of showing world class opera from September through May. Although the couple never intended to have summer programming, they quickly went into action to fill the void as soon as they learned of the Opera Festival's closing.

Now, as a year-round professional opera company with an active board of directors, NJOT has really taken off, said Mr. Altman: "We have grown enormously....We garner some of the greatest conductors and stage directors in the country."

Last summer the company performed at the Hamilton Murray Theater at Princeton University, which sold out all of its productions, with the company adding an additional performance night.

"You should not be afraid to come to the opera," said Mr. Altman, pointing out that performances that are not in English have "supertitles" projected above the stage so that audience members can follow along.

As well as performing professional opera in Princeton with "rising stars in the opera world," the group gives performances throughout the state, including Jersey City, Monroe Township, the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick, and at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, said Mr. Altman.

The Opera Theater also offers master classes in New York City, and does an "Opera Outreach" program for children in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A summer camp for children is planned for 2006.

While some of this summer's performances are available by purchasing tickets through McCarter Theatre, there are others that will be free and open to the public, including "Musical Theater Under the Stars," to be held on August 5 and 6 at 8:30 p.m. at Pettoranello Gardens. The concert will feature staged scenes and solos from musicals such as *West Side Story*, *Corousel*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Guys ond Dolls*, and *South Pocific*.

Other free programs will include an event featuring staged excerpts from the season's offerings as part of the West Windsor Arts Council Summer Series at Nassau Park on Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m., and an afternoon concert of soprano and mezzo soprano arias and ensembles, titled "Ladies of the Afternoon at the Opera," at Berlind Theatre on August 20, at 2 p.m. Tickets for this event are limited, and are available through McCarter's box office, by calling (609) 258-2787.

For more information about NJOT's summer program series, call (609) 799-7700, or visit www.NJOT.org.

— Candace Braun

"THE CAN-CAN": Paige Cutrona, soprano, performed in "Ba-Ta-Clan" by Offenbach as part of last summer's programming with the New Jersey Opera Theater. She will also take part in this summer's series, which kicks off on Friday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m., with a preview program in the Princeton Public Library's first floor Community Room.

(Photo courtesy of Jeff Reeder, NJ Opera Theater)

"DON GIOVANNI": Michelle Sexton and Benjamin Savoie performed as part of the 2004 summer series with the New Jersey Opera Theater (NJOT) in Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Last year was the first time that NJOT presented a summer opera program, following the closing of the Opera Festival of New Jersey in November 2003. The company is run by co-founders Scott and Lisa Altman, who were both previously employed by the Opera Festival.

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The performance will take place in the courtyard of the Domestic Arts Building, which houses one of the museum's contemporary art exhibitions by day. In case of rain the concert will move indoors.

Tickets are $8 and include admission to the park and museums. Tickets will be sold at the door as seating is available. For advance reservations, call (609) 586-0616, ext. 20.

Grounds For Sculpture is located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

For more information on the Car Music Project, visit www.carmusicproject.com.

MUSIC REVIEW

Miró Quartet Arrives Shorthanded And Dazzles Audience Nonetheless

One never wants to rejoice in someone else's misfortune, but when Miró String Quartet violinist Sandy Yamamoto was unable to perform on Thursday night, the ensemble took an imaginative approach and replaced the violinist with a pianist, thereby opening new possibilities in repertoire. The resulting concert, part of Princeton University's Summer Concert Series at Richardson Auditorium, was a more than pleasant surprise for the audience. Pianist Shai Wosner is a native of Israel and is equally at home in composition and improvisation at the piano. With this background, he was a natural to fit in with violinist Daniel Ching, violist John Largess, and cellist Joshua Gindele. The ensemble took this opportunity (they have apparently been performing without Ms. Yamamoto for several months now) to mix piano quartet with string trio repertories, drawing music from the past three centuries.

Mr. Wosner joined the ensemble for piano quartets of Mozart and Brahms. He was definitive in his performance of Mozart's *Piono Quortet in E flot Mojor*, a work which exploits the piano as if the piece were a miniconcerto. Accompanied by a rich and full violin, light viola, and stabilizing cello, Mr. Wosner was an equal player, coming to the forefront precisely in solo passages. Although the beginning of the second movement "Larghetto" was almost inaudible over the entrance of late-comers, the ending of the movement was especially elegant, with an even and steady piano. The quartet consistently brought out the drama in the music, which is often overlooked in Mozart in favor of his melodies.

Brahms' *Piono Quortet in g minor* (which the quartet has been playing on tour with other guest pianists) was a more expansive work, with four lengthy movements full of drama and continual ebb and flow. The first movement "Allegro" featured cellist Gindele, accompanied by forceful playing by the violin and viola, and a definitely bass register from the piano. Unwavering cello playing and a closing piano flourish characterized the second movement "Intermezzo," and a typically Brahms Hungarian flavor marked the fourth movement "Rondo," all of which were executed effectively by the quartet.

Interspersed between these two works was a trio for string players alone by Jean Françaix, a French neoclassical composer and virtuoso pianist who lived less than fifty years. A student of Maurice Ravel, Françaix wrote more than 200 works in his short life, and his *Trio for Violin, Violo ond Cello* reflected the lightness and interplay between instruments which characterized his compositional style. There was so much going on in this work, and the musical patter among instruments was so clean that one had to concentrate to hear everything. This piece did not give the players time to breathe, yet the ensemble's collective restraint and discipline never made things seem out of control. The third movement "Andante" in particular was a continuous flow of music, with a dry ending indicating Françaix's compositional wit.

The final performance in Princeton University's Summer Concert Series, on Wednesday, July 20 at Richardson Auditorium, will feature music of Pleyel, Shostakovich, and Beethoven. Call the Richardson box office at (609) 258-5000 for information.

The Miró String Quartet mixes an active touring schedule with their residency at the University of Texas at Austin. Through this double-sided career, the ensemble can maintain its commitment to the next generation of musicians while delighting audiences such as the full house at Richardson last week. The Princeton audience was lucky to get the best of both worlds: a mesmerizing mini-piano recital through the piano quartets and an exquisite string ensemble performance.

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THEATER REVIEW

Princeton Summer Theater Revisits "Godspell" After 34 Years; Rock Musical Delivers Playful, Poignant Rendition of Gospels

Godspell opened off-Broadway in 1971 and quickly became a huge hit. It ran for five years, then moved to Broadway where it played for another fifteen months, a total of more than 2600 performances. A young, capable, and resourceful Princeton Summer Theater company has brought this celebratory mass of a rock musical, with Jesus and his disciples telling parables and re-enacting the Passion of Christ, to the Hamilton Murray Theater for two more weekends.

The ambitious PST troupe, under the direction of Jonathan Elliott, faces a number of challenges here. Will what resonated so powerfully in the early 1970s — the years following the "summer of love" and the Vietnam War — translate effectively to contemporary audiences? In this era of extremes of religious feeling, will the subject matter put off non-Christians? Will the informality and irreverence of style offend conservative Christians? And then there are the difficulties of staging this unusual theater piece, which keeps all ten actors onstage virtually all the time and combines an untraditional plot, song and dance numbers in an array of different styles, acrobatics, charades, juggling, pantomime and a tone that shifts frequently from comical to tragic with many shades in between.

The merits of the music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (creator also of the Broadway hits *Pippin* and *Wicked*) and the book by John Michael Tebelak, along with the intelligence, creativity, and talent permeating this updated PST production, overcome these challenges and deliver to audiences an entertaining and moving theatrical experience. Contemporary allusions — to Michael Jackson, hip hop, and other recent cultural phenomena — liven up the production while maintaining the spirit of the original.

Godspell, Mr. Tebelak's response to what he described as a deadeningly boring Easter Sunday church service, celebrates the message and the story of Jesus, but it is also a joyful, captivating celebration of community, love, humanity, and also of music, dance, and theater.

The Gospel According to St. Matthew, supplemented with bits from other parts of the Bible, makes a compelling dramatic text. The parables and the passion of Christ are fascinating, dynamic stories, staged here with humor, energy, wit and seriousness — in just the proper proportions. It's a likable, energetic, carefully rehearsed, well coordinated PST ensemble. Mr. Schwartz's music and lyrics, some based on lines from the Episcopal hymnal or the Bible, consistently hit home. "Day by Day," the most famous number in the show, is only one of many richly varied musical highlights.

The ten performers, undergraduates and recent graduates of Princeton University and other area colleges, share the musical and dramatic responsibilities. Each leads in the telling of at least one parable, and each delivers a solo segment of at least one song.

Godspell is set in an urban park in the present, with the actors already on stage as the audience enters the theater. The actors' names are the character names. Their goal is to be themselves, realistic, down to earth, and sometimes the most difficult acting of all is to "not act." A chess game takes place on stage right. Two young women are picnicking on the ground at center stage. Another young woman sits on a park bench upstage reading a book. A boy and girl throw a ball back and forth and chat on stage left. There's a chain link fence at upstage right and a garbage can on stage left. Crickets chirp. The excellent four-man band — drums, guitar, bass, keyboard — directed by Brian Walsh, is farther upstage in the background. All are casually dressed, apparently enjoying a day in the park. Mr. Elliott and the cast succeed in achieving here a natural spontaneity and convincing simplicity, despite the complications of staging with clarity and polishing this complex production.

Act One moves rapidly into a scene of chaos, a Tower of Babel of conflicting voices and characters, before the entrance of Rob Walsh as John the Baptist, who restores order and leads a powerful rendition of "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Jed Peterson then appears from the audience as Jesus, proceeds to take charge, to spread the word ("Save the People") and narrate key segments of the plot. The boisterous ensemble collaborates with great humor and vivacity in acting out the parables.

Early in the act, Carly Voigt becomes the first to make her statement of faith, bringing the production to a stirring focus with her beautiful rendition of "Day by Day." An effervescent Virginia Pourakis follows up with the short and lively admonition to "Learn Your Lessons Well." Liz Flemming, though not always able to project her voice with power over the surrounding action and musical accompaniment, presents a deftly comical "rich man" in the mode of Paris Hilton and leads the company effectively in "O Bless the Lord My Soul."

Rob Walsh, now in the role of Judas, and Mr. Peterson provide yet another change of pace with a show-stopping, soft-shoe pas de deux, "All for the Best" — a masterpiece of synchronized teamwork.

The act ends with Tim McDonough leading the company in "All Good Gifts," then an amusing French-accented version of the story of the prodigal son, and finally an upbeat production number "(You are the) Light of the World."

The second act turns darker as Jesus announces "this is the beginning," and the company starts to portray the events culminating in Christ's crucifixion. Craig Jorczak leads a reprise of "Learn Your Lessons Well." Marisol Rosa-Shapiro presents a steamy Marlene Dietrich-style "Turn Back O Man (Forswear Thy Foolish Ways)," which turns into a sensuous dance number.

Leading up to the Last Supper and the dramatic final scenes, Amy Widdowson and Ms. Flemming team up to contribute a poignant ballad, "By My Side;" Kyle Booten rallies the ensemble to "come sing about love" in "We Beseech Thee"; Ms. Voigt and the company poignantly reprise "Day by Day;" and Brian Walsh from the keyboard leads the company in "On the Willows."

Scott Grzenczyk's set and lighting, Ms. Rosa-Shapiro's choreography, Brian Walsh's musical direction, and Jonathan Bulava's sound design all contribute dynamically to this engaging production.

It's an enthralling show, with memorable music and a powerful message. The PST production does suffer from its uneven moments: one or two fumbled lines, uncertain movements or blocking, occasional lack of focus or imbalance between the main action and the surrounding stage business. There are voices that sometimes, in projection or pitch, are not quite up to the superb level of acting throughout the production. But production values are outstanding here, and the informality is part of the appeal and power of this show. The blemishes are minor and in some cases even contribute to the appealing ease and humanness of the experience.

—Donald Gilpin

Godspell runs through July 31, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and also 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, in the Hamilton Murray Theater. Call (609) 258-7062 for tickets or visit www.princetonsummertheater.org for information.

RISING COMEDIAN: Princeton University student Patrick Cunningham, the winner of Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club's College Comedy Challenge this spring, will take the stage at the Hyatt Regency club on Friday night, July 29, at 8 and 10:30 p.m., where he will appear with headliner Hal "Chickie" Spear and Steve "The Beer Man" Lazarus. Mr. Cunningham, from Akron, Ohio, honed his comedy skills as a member of the Princeton University comedy club, and in clubs in New York City and Philadelphia. Tickets are $15; show-goers must be at least 18 years of age. For reservations, call (609) 987-8018.

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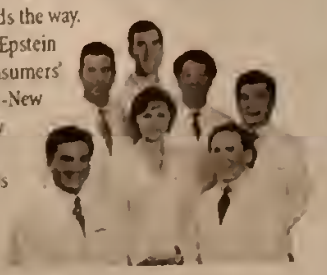

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Allen Crowell

Choir College Continues Summer Concert Series

The annual summer concert series at Westminster Choir College will continue with a sing-in on Tuesday, July 26 and a recital on Thursday, July 28. Both programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the Westminster campus and are open to the public at no charge.

On Tuesday, July 26, Allen Crowell will conduct audience members in a sing-in of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Moss*. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scores; however, a limited number will be available for borrowing at the door.

Prof. Crowell is the Mildred Goodrum Heyward Professor of Choral Music and director of choral studies at the University of Georgia, where he conducts the Concert Choir and the men's Glee Club while teaching graduate and undergraduate conducting. He previously taught and conducted at Westminster Choir College for 20 years.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Prof. Crowell studied at Florida State University and earned his bachelor's degree from Westminster and a master of music degree from The Catholic University of America. He served for five years as bass soloist and enlisted leader of The United States Army Chorus of Washington, D.C., and later became associate bandmaster of The U.S. Army Band and director of The U.S. Army Chorus. As a vocal soloist, he has appeared with Washington's National Symphony, the New Jersey Pops, and Princeton Pro Musica, among others.

A piano recital on Thursday, July 28, by Radek Materka will feature works of Mozart, Chopin, and Szymanowski.

Mr. Materka has performed recitals and appeared with orchestras in the United States, Europe, and Asia, and recorded for American and Polish radio and television. In 1999, he was selected as a student performer in the First International Piano Symposium under the auspices of the Moscow Conservatory. He is a laureate of several piano competitions in the United States and Europe. He holds a bachelor of music degree from Westminster and a master of music degree from the University of Southern California. He teaches at the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California, and maintains a private studio in Los Angeles.

Engelbert Humperdinck Coming to State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present the romantic singer Engelbert Humperdinck on Saturday, August 6 at 8 p.m. The program will feature Humperdinck's best known hits and tunes from his newest album, *Let There Be Love*. Tickets range from $20 to $55.

In a career spanning 35 years, Mr. Humperdinck has sold more than 130 million records, in the process earning 64 gold albums, 24 platinum albums, four Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. His biggest hits include *Release Me, Quando, Quando, Quando, Spanish Eyes*, and *There Goes My Everything*.

Born Arnold George Dorsey, Mr. Humperdinck started studying music at the age of 11. In 1959, he released his first single, under the stage name Gerry Dorsey, called *Crazybells/Mister Music Man*. Soon after the release, he contracted tuberculosis, which silenced him for six months, nearly putting a stop to his music career. Upon regaining his health, a former manager suggested the new name Engelbert Humperdinck, taken from the Austrian composer who wrote the opera *Honsel and Gretel*. It was outrageous enough to be memorable, and thus was born the soon-to-be legend Engelbert Humperdinck.

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Tickets on Sale Monday For New McCarter Season

McCarter Theatre has announced that single tickets for its 2005-06 season will go on sale at 9 a.m. this coming Monday, July 25. Tickets may be purchased at the theater's University Place box office, online at www.mccarter.org, or by calling (609) 258-2787.

During the 2005-06 season McCarter will present world premiere plays from two American playwrights, Christopher Durang and Beth Henley.

The season will open September 9 through October 16 with *Miss Witherspoon*, Mr. Durang's latest comedy. His other plays include *Sister Mory Ignotius Explains it All For You* and *Beyond Therapy*.

The season will continue with August Wilson's *Gem of the Oceon* directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson. Fresh from Broadway, the ninth installment in Mr. Wilson's cycle of plays about African-American experiences in the 20th century will play McCarter from October 11 through October 30.

The new season will also include Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, directed by Gary Griffin; Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* directed by Tina Landau; and the world premiere of Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley's *Ridiculous Fraud*, a saga of three grown brothers trying to outrun a troubling family history.

New programs added to the 2005-06 schedule since it was first announced include three-time Grammy Award-winner Los Lobo on October 1; English folk-rock singer Richard Thompson on October 25; folksinger Joan Baez on November 1; and jazz guitarist-composer Pat Metheny and his trio on November 4.

A highlight of the upcoming season is expected to be the return of the Berlind Cabaret Series, with the debuts of singer/songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway, English jazz sensation Stacey Kent, and New Jersey's own Broadway diva Christine Andreas. A new Berlind Piano Jazz Trio Series will feature Brad Mehldau, Hiromi, and the "First Lady of Piano Jazz," Marian McPartland.

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Princeton Summer Theater Slates New Children's Play

Toles of Wonder, the final play in Princeton Summer Theater's 2005 Family Entertainment Series, will be given its world premiere July 21 through 23 and July 28 through 30 at Princeton University's Hamilton Murray Theater. Show times will be Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Written by Princeton Summer Theater company member Jonathan Elliott, *Toles of Wonder* offers a new take on folk tales from around the world. The show is targeted at theatergoers ages three and up. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased by calling the box office at (609) 258-7062.

Mr. Elliott is a Princeton native and former student at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School. He graduated from The College of New Jersey in 2004 and will graduate in December from Virginia's George Mason University with a master's degree in arts management. Last year he served as the summer theater's publicity director and director of *Private Lives*. His play *Forword Motion* is forthcoming from Playscripts, Inc.

PST also offers a series of educational theater workshops for children ages 7 to 12. The remaining workshops will take place on July 22 (performance) and July 29 (musical theater). Each workshop, $25 per child, runs from 1 to 4 p.m. To register, call (609) 258-7062.

Princeton Summer Theater Schedules Comedy Night

Princeton Summer Theater will host a night of stand-up comedy on Wednesday, July 27 at 8 p.m. at the University's Hamilton Murray Theater.

New York City comedian Jeff Kreisler will headline the event, which will also feature guest comedians from the area. Most recently, Mr. Kreisler performed in the political comedy tour, Comedy Against Evil, and has been featured on Air America radio.

Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for students, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-7062.

A summer stock theater company located on the Princeton University campus, Princeton Summer Theater produces four mainstage shows during the summer, stand-up comedy acts, musical performances, staged readings, children's workshops, and two shows for children. For more information, visit www.PrincetonSummerTheater.org.

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Shallow Bachelors Chase Bridesmaids in Ribald Romantic Comedy

Unless you check your political correctness at the box office, expect to be offended by this outrageous comedy. Not only does *Wedding Crashers* revolve around a sexist premise, but the picture also relies primarily on a lowbrow brand of humor with stereotypes about females, gays, and assorted ethnic groups. Still, the film is funny enough to be recommended.

John Beckwith (Owen Wilson) and Jeremy Klein (Vince Vaughn) are best friends. During the workweek, the pair of divorce mediators share a flourishing practice devoted to talking quarreling couples into settling their differences amicably. On weekends, however, the pair turn into shameless sexual exploiters who put their powers of persuasion to perversely seduce, abandon, and break the hearts of naive bridesmaids.

They arrive at weddings uninvited, knowing they can count on finding vulnerable young women there who are desperate for lifemates. These con artists hatch elaborate plans tailored to each occasion, assuming fake names and identities picked to fit the bride and groom's background. Their impersonations include pimps, cowboys, veterinarians, pro baseball players, and even soldiers with Purple Heart medals.

For instance, as Lou Epstein and Chuck Schwartz they don yarmulkes and lead a Jewish congregation in shouts of "Mazel Tov!" Or, as Seamus O'Toole and Bobby O'Shea, they arrive at an Irish wedding announcing to everyone, *"We're going to get drunk!"* They know precisely what to say to attract the prey they're stalking in each case.

We see John and Jeremy quickly proceed to pressure victim after victim into compromising positions, only to abandon them the next day. However, the confirmed bachelors reconsider their womanizing when they meet Claire (Rachel McAdams) and Gloria (Isla Fisher), daughters of the suspicious Secretary of the Treasury, William Cleary (Christopher Walken).

John goes after Claire and Jeremy pursues Gloria. At this point, the movie changes from a buddy adventure into a dysfunctional family comedy. Against their better judgment, our heroes accept an invitation to join the eccentric Cleary clan for a post-reception getaway at their posh waterfront estate.

Brother Todd (Keir O'Donnell), is a gay sadist with eyes for Jeremy. Mrs. Cleary (Jane Seymour), is a solicitous alcoholic who puts the moves on John — Mrs. Robinson-style. As comic relief there is the grandmother (Ellen Albertini Dow), a butler (Ron Canada), and a minister (Henry Gibson) who is oblivious to all the inane antics.

ARE THEY WITH THE BRIDE OR THE GROOM?: John Beckwith (Owen Wilson, left) and Jeremy Klein (Vince Vaughn) have infiltrated yet another wedding celebration, where they will convince a pair of bridesmaids that they are interested in forming a lasting relationship with them, only to break the women's hearts at the end of the weekend.

Directed by David Dobkin (*Shanghai Knights*), *Wedding Crashers* never really pretends to be about anything deeper than the next joke. Although the protagonists ultimately reform, it seems unfair that they are rewarded for their past wrongs by getting to settle down with a couple of very rich, well-connected debutantes.

Wedding Crashers will disappoint fans expecting more from Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn, especially when they are working with the support of Will Ferrell, Christopher Walken, and Jane Seymour.

Good for a few belly laughs, but no match for the best of the genre.

Very Good (★★½). Rating: R for nudity, graphic sexuality, profanity, coarse humor, and suggestive content. Running time: 119 minutes. Studio: New Line Cinema.

—Kam Williams

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Bad News Bears (PG-13 for crude behavior and language, adult themes, and some sexuality). Remake of the 1976 classic stars Billy Bob Thornton as an ex-pro baseball player with alcohol and anger issues who takes on the unenviable task of coaching a hapless Little League team with a woeful record. Cast includes Greg Kinnear, Marcia Gay Harden, and a cast of children.

Batman Begins (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and mature themes). Christian Bale is the latest incarnation of the Caped Crusader in this prequel which retraces how, as an orphaned young lad, Bruce Wayne abandoned Gotham City to study martial arts in Asia, returning to defend the metropolis as his crime-fighting alter ego. Expanded cast includes Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Katie Holmes, Liam Neeson, Ken Watababe, Gary Oldman, Tom Wilkinson, and Rutger Hauer.

The Beat That My Heart Skipped (Unrated). This remake of James Toback's cult classic *Fingers* (1978) revolves around a 28 year-old Parisian who would prefer to pursue his dream of becoming a concert pianist rather than follow in his shady father's footsteps. In French, Mandarin, Russian, and English with subtitles.

Bewitched (PG-13 for sex, expletives, partial nudity, and drug references). Nicole Kidman brings the Elizabeth Montgomery role to the screen in this adaptation of the television series (1964-1972). Plot has a real witch unknowingly cast to play a witch on a television sitcom about a witch married to a human. With Will Ferrell as husband Darrin, Shirley MacLaine as mother Endora, Steve Carell as Uncle Arthur, Jim Turner as Larry Tate, and Amy Sedaris as Mrs. Kravitz.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG for quirky situations, mild epithets, and action sequences). Tim Burton directs this adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's novel of the same name. Freddie Highmore, who was in *Finding Neverland*, plays the impish title character joined by Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka, a role first brought to the movies in 1971 by Gene Wilder.

Crash (R for sex, expletives and violence). This slice-of-life melodrama revolves around an assortment of social issues faced by an ethnically diverse set of strangers who cross paths by chance in the wake of a car accident. The cast includes Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Brendan Fraser, Tony Danza, Thandie Newton, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, Terence Howard, Ryan Phillippe, Ludacris, Keith David, Larenz Tate, Loretta Devine and Nona Gaye.

Dark Water (PG-13 for frightening sequences, profanity, disturbing images, and mature themes). Jennifer Connelly stars in this remake of a 2002 Japanese horror flick as a divorcée in the midst of a bitter custody battle who moves with her daughter (Ariel Gade) into a dilapidated house which happens to be haunted by the ghost of a previous resident.

The Devil Rejects (R for profanity, sadistic violence, drug use, and graphic sexuality). Rob Zombie directs sequel to the *House of 1000 Corpses*. Gruesome mayhem in this road movie about a couple of bloodthirsty gangs engaged in a fight to the death.

Fantastic Four (PG-13 for suggestive content and action sequences). Live-action adaptation of the Marvel Comics classic about a team of astronauts who develop superhuman powers after exposure to cosmic radiation. Julian McMahon as the diabolical Doctor Doom squares off against Ian Gruffudd as Mr. Fantastic, Michael Chiklis as the Thing, Jessica Alba as the Invisible Woman, and Chris Evans as the Human Torch.

Heights (R for profanity, nudity, and sexuality). New York City serves as the backdrop for this serendipitous ensemble drama about the intersection of five lives over the course of a most eventful 24-hour period. With Glenn Close, Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, George Segal, and Isabella Rossellini.

Hustle & Flow (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and sex and drug references). Memphis melodrama features Terrence Howard as a struggling pimp who turns to friends for help in making a fresh start as a rapper. With Anthony Anderson, Elise Neal, Ludacris, Taraji Henson and DJ Qualls.

The Island (PG-13 for profanity, intense action sequences, and some sexuality) Special effects expert Michael Bay directs this thought-provoking, post-apocalyptic, sci-fi adventure about the inhabitants of a carefully-controlled, self-contained environment eager to escape to a utopia which promises to be the last uncontaminated spot on Earth. The cast includes Ewan Mcgregor, Scarlett Johansson, Michael Clarke Duncan, Djimon Hounsou and Steve Buscemi.

Madagascar (PG for crude humor, mild epithets, and mature themes). Animated family adventure about four animals raised in captivity at New York's Central Park Zoo who escape but end up crated and carted off to Africa where they have to fend for themselves in the wild. Starring Ben Stiller as a lion, Chris Rock as a zebra, David Schwimmer as a giraffe, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as a pregnant hippopotamus. Supporting voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Andy Richter.

Mad Hot Ballroom (PG for mature themes). Dance documentary retraces the inspirational rise of eleven year-old New York City public school kids from humble circumstances who master the tango, fox trot, rumba, swing, and merengue in preparation for the annual, citywide competition.

March of the Penguins (G). Ornithological documentary follows a flock of penguins for a year, focusing on one pair of birds in particular, during their annual migration across the Antarctic.

Me and You and Everyone We Know (R for profanity and disturbing sexual themes involving children). Newcomer Miranda July writes, directs, and stars in this arresting melodrama about the budding relationship between a struggling artist and a recently-separated shoe salesman (John Hawkes), with a couple of precocious computer savvy children.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13 for sexual content, expletives, and intense violence). Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie share the title roles in this crime thriller about a seemingly sedate, suburban couple who are unaware that they are both assassins and under contract to kill each other. Support cast includes Vince Vaughn, Angela Bassett, Kerry Washington, and Keith David.

My Summer of Love (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Coming out/coming-of-age drama about the Yorkshire countryside escapades of a couple of 16-year-olds, one a working class tomboy (Nathalie Press), the other a spoiled debutante who lives in the mansion down the road (Emily Blunt).

War of the Worlds (PG-13 for disturbing images and frightening sequences of violence). Steven Spielberg directs this remake of the 1953 sci-fi film based on the 1938 radio play narrated by Orson Welles adapted from the original H.G. Wells classic novel about a Martian invasion of Earth. Tom Cruise stars as a dockworker struggling to save his family. Cast includes Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Tim Robbins, and Gene Barry.

Wedding Crashers (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn star in this over the top comedy as divorce mediators who devote their weekends to attending weddings in search of women. Tension arises when one of them falls for the daughter (Rachel McAdams) of an eccentric politician (Christopher Walken). Cast includes Will Ferrell and Jane Seymour. **—Kam Williams**

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Miranda Utilizing Command of Princeton Culture As He Starts Tenure in Director of Athletics Post

The blueprint for the construction of the new Princeton High athletic facilities stared down at him from the wall in his office. His desk was crammed with paperwork that demanded his attention.

John Miranda knew he had plenty on his plate, literally and figuratively, when he arrived for work on July 1 at PHS for his first day on the job as the new Director of Athletics for the Princeton Regional Schools.

"I had stacks of papers on my desk," said the genial Miranda with a smile, sitting in his office in the lower level of Princeton High. "I threw away a whole trashcan of stuff and that was just from the desk. I still have one more drawer to go."

> ***"We're unique, we have a different combination of athletics and academics here than in most schools in the state. We are ... academically oriented ... we are able to produce some great athletes and outstanding teams."***

Miranda, 46, a longtime PHS business education teacher and head baseball coach, realizes that he has a lot more than paperwork to tackle as he replaces Eric Amkraut in the AD post.

"With all this construction, I'm trying to help minimize the distractions and maybe some of the obstacles," said Miranda, noting that the school's new gymnasium is currently under construction with new tennis courts and playing fields to be built later.

"I'm concerned with the fields we have right now and working with our grounds crew to make sure that we are on top of the maintenance and upkeep of the fields. I want to try to improve the condition of the fields. I want to make sure that our coaches have all of the equipment they need to compete."

For Miranda, his extensive experience on the PHS diamond and in the classroom drove him to take on the challenge of the athletics director job which has seen Amkraut, Ernie Benson, and John Curtis serve in the post since 2002.

"I've been a teacher here for a while and I've been a coach here for a while," explained Miranda, who guided the PHS baseball team to an 11-14 record this spring, a marked improvement on the team's 2-19 mark in 2004.

"I felt it was time for me to put that knowledge and experience to good work for the district. I've coached in the CVC for a while so from an athletic standpoint, I understand what's going on here. I've been teaching here for a while so I understand the culture of Princeton."

From Miranda's vantage point, that culture promotes excellence in the classroom and on the playing fields.

"We're unique, we have a different combination of athletics and academics here than in most schools in the state," asserted Miranda.

"We are extremely academically oriented but we are able to produce some great athletes and outstanding teams. Look at the golf team this past spring, it was amazing. The swimming and soccer teams are usually strong."

Miranda points to such stars as the recently graduated Robby Begin as exemplifying what can result from the dual emphasis at PHS.

"My best baseball player this spring was Robby Begin," said Miranda, who noted that he will likely stop coaching the baseball team due to the responsibilities of his new post.

"Not only is he an outstanding baseball player, he's going to Georgetown to play baseball. That is a great academic institution. The kids here have a great opportunity to be good athletes and fantastic in the school setting."

Miranda's duties aren't limited to PHS as he is also in charge of the John Witherspoon middle school athletics program.

"One of things I've been charged with this year is the continuation of the effort to improve the middle school program," added Miranda.

"Last year, the number of practices was increased from three a week to five. This year we are going to increase the amount of games. I think that it's a three-tiered program. By the third year, we want to have the amount of games at the same level of everybody else we are competing against."

Whether it's at PHS or the middle school level, Miranda sees coaches as the vital link in the sports chain.

"The coaches are the whole key to this," maintained Miranda. "We have some really good coaches, I know just about every one of them personally. I have been touching base with the coaches to make sure that the fines of communication are open."

The community as a whole has been communicating positively with Miranda.

"It's been very positive," said Miranda, reflecting on the response he has received since being announced as the new AD.

"I've gotten all kinds of calls from the community; people have been congratulating me and telling me they are excited and that they can't wait to talk to me. It's a window of opportunity. There are a lot of new ideas that can be brought forward. I think we can use some of those ideas they have out there."

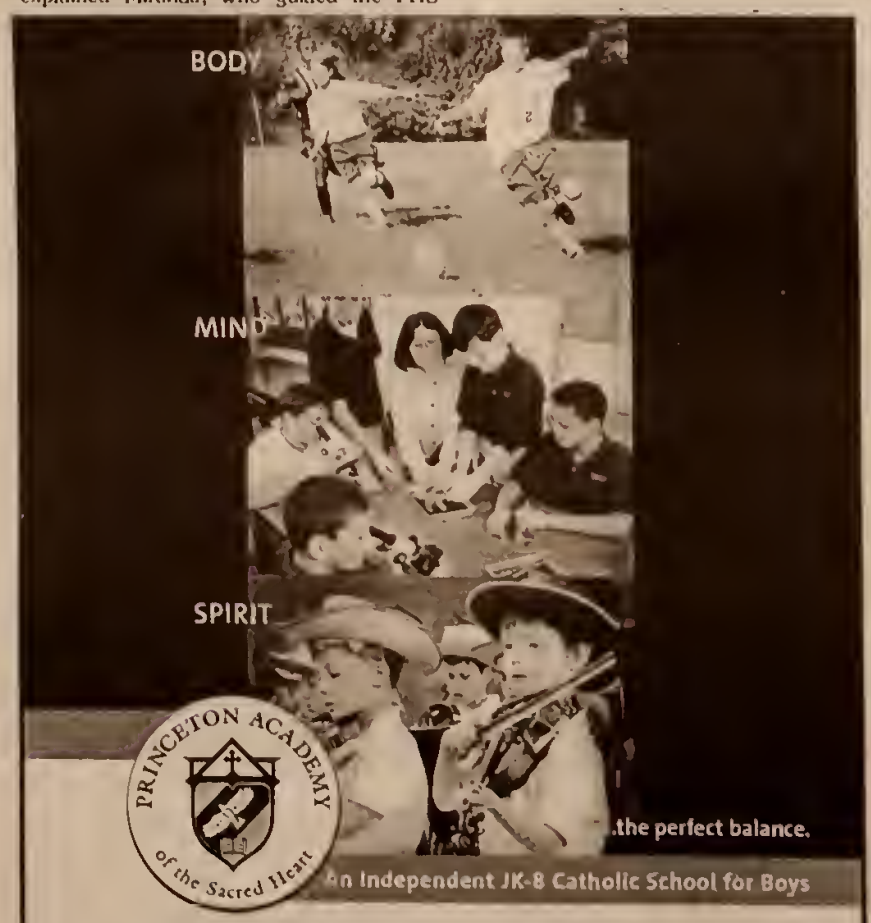
NEW DIRECTION: John Miranda surveys the action on the diamond this spring in his role as the Princeton High head baseball coach. Miranda, a longtime coach and business education teacher at PHS, was recently named to replace Eric Amkraut as Director of Athletics for the Princeton Regional Schools. Miranda started in his new post earlier this month. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Miranda believes his experience in the Marines, which saw him serve a stint in the Middle East in 2002-03 as a logistics officer, gives him the wherewithal to execute new approaches.

"You learn about teamwork and having everybody working toward one goal," expfained Miranda, who noted that he dealt with mufti-million dollar inventories in helping to move and support troops in the Iraq conflict. "You learn the importance of character and hard work. These are all things that carry over into athletics."

With the feadership qualities that Miranda brings to the table, it appears that the Princeton athletics program is in good hands.

—Bill Alden



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Post 218 Laments Missed Opportunities As It Falls Short of Playoff Appearance

When Princeton Post 218 manager Tom Parker and his players look back on the 2005 season, they will likely find more good than bad.

Post 218 won four more games than it did in 2004, sent nine players to the Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) Intraleague All-Star Game, and boasted several league leaders in key statistical categories.

Unfortunately for Princeton players and coaches, they will likely remember the 2005 season as the one that got away as they fell just short in their bid for a first-ever playoff MCALL playoff spot.

After running its record to 9-6 at the 15-game mark, Princeton stumbled to a 2-5 finish over their last seven games, leaving them at 11-11 and one game short of the MCALL's sixth and final playoff spot.

Despite jeopardizing its postseason hopes by falling to 11-10, Post 218 had one last chance to sneak in with a win over Bordentown Post 26 in the final game of the season last Wednesday. Bordentown entered the contest 12-9, but needed to win, thanks to a home loss to Princeton earlier in the season.

With Princeton's home field, Smoyer Park, unplayable, the game was moved to Bordentown's Gilder Field. Although Princeton served as the home team, Bordentown protected the home field advantage, dealing Princeton a heartbreaking 7-6 loss.

With the game tied at six in the seventh and final inning, Bordentown's Matt Walsh doubled in the go-ahead run with two outs to take a 7-6 lead.

Princeton came right back and put runners on second and third with no one out in the bottom of the inning. Zak Perkins, the MCALL leader in saves, then retired Brian Scanlon before walking O'Brien. Colin Sarafin stepped in and ripped a hard grounder, but Bordentown converted it into a double play to end the game and Princeton's season.

"We came out playing like we did the last few games," said Post 218 veteran Alex Sugiura. "We didn't play well and we dug ourselves a hole."

With Princeton trailing 3-0 in the bottom of the first, O'Brien launched a home run to deep right-center to tie the game at three. O"Brien ended his season on a high note, going 3-for-3 with two home runs and four RBIs.

"I hadn't really hit the ball like I wanted to all year, but I feel like I've been in the zone lately," O'Brien said.

"When Danny hit that home run, that got us going," Sugiura said. "It lit a spark in us and we rode that spark for the rest of the game. We just didn't finish the job."

Nonetheless, Princeton left its mark on the MCALL in 2005, primarily on the league leader board. Post 218 players led the league in six of the nine listed offensive categories and had at least one of the top three players in eight of those nine categories, according to the Trenton Times.

O'Brien went from a slumping after-thought to a near triple-crown winner in the span of three weeks. He led the league in batting (.514), hits (36), home runs (6), and slugging percentage (.943), while finishing second in RBIs by four (30).

Begin served as the lightening to O'Brien's thunder, leading the league in triples (4) and stolen bases (21). Begin also finished third in runs (25) and ninth in hits (29).

Princeton has always had its share of notoriety offensively, but Welsh brought Post 218's pitching to light for the first time in recent memory. The tall right-hander emerged as one of the most dominant pitchers in Mercer County, evidenced by his 4-1 record and 48 strikeouts (second in the MCALL) in 37 innings. Welsh also posted the league's sixth best ERA (1.51) and recorded two saves.

According to Parker, Welsh has earned the respect of the league to go along with the respect of his teammates.

"He's the guy we go to when we need an out," Parker said. "When we were dividing up the all-star teams, he was the guy everyone wanted, so the other coaches have been very impressed with him."

Welsh was one of nine Princeton players to be selected to the intraleague all-star game. Andrew Davidson, Will King, John Lauri, Logan Laughlin, Jake Horan, Begin, O'Brien, and Sugiura all joined Welsh in the game.

Post 218 also saw resurgence from their two college players, King and Sugiura. King, who played at the University of the South, finished sixth in the league in strikeouts (29), and was one of the most dependable starters on the team by the end of the season.

Sugiura's season on the mound was cut short by shoulder trouble, but he hit .480 before the league's all-star break and finished above the .300 mark for the season.

"(Alex and I) have been on the team for three years so we know what to expect," King said. "We just tried to help the rest of the team with whatever we could."

Sugiura was not sure he'd return to the team for this season, but he received a call from King before the season. "Will convinced me that we had a good shot to put together a playoff run with all the talent we had," said Sugiura, who will be a sophomore at Oberlin College in the fall.

"I wanted to play this summer," said King. "I also wanted to play with someone else who was in college to make it a little easier."

King and Sugiura were both key pieces to the early season run and despite the failure to make the postseason, both feel they have left their mark on the program. "I just tried to extol whatever wisdom I could to the younger guys," Sugiura said.

Although the good may have outweighed the bad for Post 218 this season, all the players agree that the promise they showed serves as a reminder that they should have accomplished more.

"We could have easily won 15 or 16 games, but there were just too many inconsistencies," Sugiura said.

"I think the younger guys learned a lot this year and they have a chance to be good next year, but unless the coaches and players take care of those inconsistencies, it will be the same thing next year."

—Matt Manley

MISSING THE CUT: Princeton Post 218 catcher Logan Laughlin takes a cut in Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) action earlier this summer. Laughlin and his teammates fell one win short of qualifying for the MCALL playoffs as they finished with an 11-11 record. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Princeton Little League 11s Forged Bond Despite Falling Short of Final Nine Spot

Midway through its third game of Pool C play in the District 12 tournament last Wednesday, the Princeton Little League 11-year-old all-star team appeared to be well on its way to advancing to the Final Nine phase of the competition.

Building a 7-1 lead over East Windsor, Princeton was on the verge of going 2-1 and putting itself into second place in its pool in a competition where the top three in each of the three groups moves on.

But failing to capitalize on two bases-loaded situations and then being hurt by some defensive miscues and seeing-eye base hits, Princeton dropped an 8-7 heartbreaker. Two days later, Sunnybrae shut down Princeton 10-2, thereby eliminating it from contention for a spot in the Final Nine.

In assessing his club's effort, Princeton head coach Billy Ray rued what might have been. "I know that a lot of coaches say this but a couple of bounces just didn't go our way," said Ray, whose team finished with a 1-3 mark in pool play. "The kids played like a 3-1 team. I just wish that I had more time with this group so that we could've shored some things up."

One player who emerged as the leader of the group was star pitcher Chris Harwood. "This was the first time Chris played summer ball and he gave us two good six-inning performances," said Ray, who also cited the mound work of Ian Finnen and Jacob Eisenberg. "Chris pitched his heart out; we couldn't have asked for more. He also hit well for us in every game."

Princeton also got good offensive production from David Bronsteen, Michael Ray, and Alex Bauman. "David Bronsteen had a couple of doubles in the first game and then had some good bunts throughout the tournament," added Ray, noting that the team's win over HTRBA in the pool opener marked the first time that the Princeton program had beaten the perennial power in District 12 play.

"Michael Ray did a good job for us offensively and did a good job catching. Alex Bauman was our clean-up hitter and he did a nice job sharing the catching with Michael."

While Ray was impressed by the strides made by his players individually, it was the team's spirit that set it apart.

"It was wonderful to get to know players that I hadn't coached before," said Ray, whose assistant coaches were Tom Dunlap and Steve Eisenberg. "It was a great group of kids and they really did bond. They practiced hard for three weeks. They had some fantastic practices and they really came together."

Ray, for his part, believes the hard work his players put in this summer will pay off in the long run.

"I saw a lot of development in the last month," asserted Ray. "This experience will make them stronger and will help them win more games in the future."

—Bill Alden

MAKING STRIDES: Princeton Little League 11-year-old all-star Michael Ray speeds around the bases last week in District 12 tournament play. While Ray gave the squad a spark, the Princeton 11s tell short of the Final Nine phase of the competition as they went 1-3 in Pool C play.

(Photo by David Goldsmith)

THE RIGHT STUFF: Princeton Little League 11-year-old star Chris Harwood fires a pitch in action in the District 12 tournament. Harwood starred on the mound and at the plate for the Princeton 11s who posted a 1-3 mark in Pool C play as they missed out on a spot in the Final Nine of the tournament.

(Photo by David Goldsmith)

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Princeton Little League 10s Competitive But Doomed by Final Inning of Pool Play

When Rick Hrabchak started coaching the Princeton Little League 10-year-old all-star team in late June, he realized that he faced an uphill battle.

"Three weeks ago we just had a bunch of individuals who play baseball," said Hrabchak. "Princeton was viewed by the other teams in the district as an easy win."

Hrabchak molded his group of players into a team that turned a lot of heads as it battled hard in Pool B of the District 12 tournament.

Princeton entered the final inning of pool play leading Cranbury-Plainsboro by 7-3 with the winner advancing to the Final Nine phase of the competition.

Unfortunately, Princeton was unable to hold that lead as it fell 8-7 to end up 1-3 overall and on the outside looking in when it came to the Final Nine.

"It was a combination of walks, hits, and errors," said Hrabchak, reflecting on that fateful final inning. "You have to give Cranbury-Plainsboro credit, they made some plays. We got up to bat but we weren't able to respond. It was a big disappointment."

Hrabchak, though, was not disappointed with the way his players grew into a unit as the tournament progressed.

"We became a team," asserted Hrabchak, whose club topped West End 8-1 but fell to Sunnybrae 10-1 and Millstone-Roosevelt 7-4 in its other pool games. "We came together as a team. Each and every kid improved. We really proved to the other teams in the district that we could be competitive in every game."

BY GEORGE: Princeton Little League 10-year-old all star George Blinick delivers a pitch last week in the District 12 tournament. Sparked by Blinick's all-around play, the Princeton 10s came agonizingly close to qualifying for the Final Nine phase of the competition. Princeton led Cranbury-Plainsboro 7-3 in its final game of pool play but lost 8-7 to fall one win short of advancing in the tournament. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

For Hrabchak, players like George Blinick exemplified the team's competitive spirit. "George got on base nearly every time he came up during pool play," said Hrabchak, who also cited the contributions of Alex Kim, Ellis Bloom, and Will Greenberg. "George pitched for us and he caught for us. He was just a good all-around player."

Although Hrabchak was proud of how the players progressed individually, the emphasis was squarely on teamwork.

"We not only wanted to help them to work on improving their skills, we wanted to bring them together as a team," said Hrabchak, noting that he got extensive help from the other parents with five or six alding him with the coaching duties. "Every one of the kids got along. They didn't all know each other at the beginning but they all became friends."

The players bonded on a shared work ethic. "The kids were really into it," added Hrabchak, pointing out that his team played or practiced all but two days over the last three weeks.

"Our practices were scheduled for three hours but many times they wanted to stay longer to help them get better. A lot of the practices ended up going three hours. Some nights I had to tell them it was too dark to play to get them off the field."

With that kind of effort, it's no wonder that the Princeton 10s established themselves as tough competitors.

—Bill Alden

IN THE SWING: Princeton Little League 10-year old all star Alex Kim prepares to take a swing in action in the District 12 tournament. Kim produced at the plate for the Princeton 10s but it wasn't enough as the squad went 1-3 in Pool B play, just missing out on a spot in the Final Nine phase of the tournament. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

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Princeton Babe Ruth 13s Produced Drama But Can't Script Happy Ending in Districts

The Princeton-Cranbury Babe Ruth 13-year-old all stars proved to have a flair for drama as each of their games in the District 1 tournament turned into one-run nailbiters.

After opening the tournament with a 3-2 extra inning win over Ewing, Princeton-Cranbury (P-C) found itself locked into a tight contest with Lawrence.

Trailing 5-4 after four innings and deadlocked at 8-8 in the sixth, P-C broke through in the bottom of the sixth as Trevor Barsamian scored to give it the lead. P-C's Steve Etherton then did the job in relief as he held Lawrence to one hit in the top of the seventh to secure the victory.

While P-C coach Scott Sipprelle acknowledged his team wasn't at its sharpest in the win over Lawrence, he was happy with his club's resilience.

"The game was not crisp in the field but we hit the ball hard and played good enough to win," said Sipprelle, who got two hits and three RBIs from Jordan Metro with Thomas Hrabchak chipping in two hits and two runs.

Heading into the winners' bracket of the semifinals, P-C played good enough to keep things close as it battled Hopewell last Wednesday. The topsy-turvy game was tied at 6-6 headed into the bottom of the seventh and final inning. Unfortunately for Princeton, Etherton uncorked two wild pitches to help Hopewell push across the winning run in a 7-6 heartbreaker.

Taking on West Windsor-Plainsboro on Thursday and facing elimination, P-C took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third with Barsamian picking up an RBI in the rally. WW-P, however, responded with a three-run rally in the fifth and then held P-C to one hit over the last two innings to earn a 3-2 triumph.

Although the final loss was hard to swallow, Sipprelle had no qualms about his players' efforts. "The boys played hard," asserted Sipprelle. "They had four one-run games, they lost two and they won two. They just couldn't get over the top. The kids were a little disappointed that they didn't go further."

In Sipprelle's view, the team made a statement notwithstanding the fact that it didn't ultimately prevail. "This is a group of 13 year olds that has been playing together for many years and it started at ground zero to raise awareness for Princeton baseball," asserted Sipprelle, whose club will be competing in the Lou Gehrig tournament in Hamilton starting this weekend. "The kids put in a good effort in the tournament."

—Max Woolley

MOON SHOT: Princeton-Cranbury Babe Ruth 13-year-old all star Will Mooney delivers a pitch last week in District 1 tournament play. P-C finished 2-2 in the tournament and was eliminated in the semifinal round. Each of the team's four contests in the competition was decided by one run.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton Senior Babe Ruth Gets Offensive, Wins Three Straight to Climb Into Third Place

After his Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth team fell to Nottingham to drop to 1-4, head coach Scott Goldsmith knew that his hitters had to come alive if the team was going to make any noise this summer.

Rebounding from its sluggish start, Princeton-Cranbury (P-C) has reeled off three straight wins to improve to 4-4 and move up to third place in the nine-team league.

"I think the batting practice we have taken over the last three weeks has really helped," said Goldsmith. "Almost everyone is hitting better and driving in runs."

The team's hot streak started with a 7-4 win over Hamilton Lou Gehrig Grey on July 7 as it came up with a four-run rally in the top of the seventh to get back on the winning track. With P-C trailing 4-3 entering the seventh, Erik Cooper produced a clutch bunt to drive in Brian Parson with the tying run. Cooper, Chris Brooks, and Matt Gerard each scored to put the game out of reach. Ryan Gordy pitched five strong innings and then Danny Etherton came on in relief to get the win.

Three days later, Brooks led the way as P-C exploded for a 15-5 win over Nottingham in a game that ended after five innings under the 10-run mercy rule. Brooks went three-for-four at the plate and scored twice in a game which saw P-C jump out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning and never look back. Etherton went the distance on the mound and also scored two runs.

Last Thursday, P-C kept rolling as it put on a power display in topping Lou Gehrig Grey 10-6. P-C got homers from five players in the win as Etherton, Brooks, Richie Von der Schmidt, Joe Geramo, and Bryce Metro all produced round-trippers. Gordy, Deramo, and Metro shared the mound duties in the win.

In Goldsmith's view, Brooks has been a catalyst during the squad's hot streak. "We have gotten tremendous impact in the field and in batting from Chris Brooks," said Goldsmith, who also cited the production he has been getting from Von der Schmidt and Etherton.

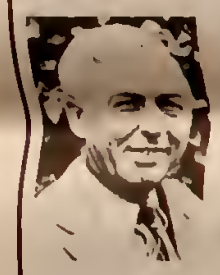
"I had him batting in the number two spot earlier in the season. I moved him up to lead off and he has done the job getting on base and scoring."

Goldsmith saw last Thursday's win as a potentially pivotal moment of the summer.

"I told the team at our last game that if we can win this one, we have a real good shot at winning the rest of our games," said Goldsmith, whose team is scheduled to play Hopewell on July 21 at Hilltop and then play at Trenton on July 26. "The kids started that game with five home runs to get a big win."

If Goldsmith's batters can keep up their power surge, P-C may be producing some more big wins this summer.

—Bill Alden



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It's not unusual for an umpire to kick a manager out of a game during a heated argument. But it's rare that the manager gets revenge, as Buck Showalter did in his rookie season as skipper of the Yankees in a 1992 game against the White Sox. Showalter went nose to nose with the ump in a spit-flying argument over a checked swing, and he promptly got tossed. But wouldn't you know, Showalter was sick as a dog with a fever, and several days later, the umpire came down with the same nasty bug.

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Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. On May 31, 2005, the identity of the legendary "Deep Throat" was revealed. Former FBI official Mark Felt was the man whose information helped bring down President Richard M. Nixon in the Watergate scandal in 1974. One day late on June 1, 2005, a hole in one was rung up on a golf course in Alton, IL, by a man named — you guessed it — Richard M. Nixon, an assistant football coach and physical education teacher at a St. Louis area high school.

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Cancer Survivor Tredup Hitting the Road To Raise Awareness of Treatment Options

In December 2000, Jeffrey Tredup went to the hospital to have some thyroid goiters removed in what was supposed to be a routine surgery.

When he woke up a day later, a groggy Tredup learned that the one-hour procedure had turned into an eight-hour marathon operation after his doctors discovered he had thyroid cancer.

In dealing with the radical surgery in which his thyroid was removed and then undergoing iodine radiation treatment, Tredup's love of cycling has been a major ally in that battle.

"I had a 75-mile bike ride the Sunday before my operation," recalled Tredup, an avid cyclist who started riding with the Princeton Free Wheelers cycling club after moving to the area in the early 1990s.

"I think that helped my recovery. I was up and walking in two days. Going through the pain of a long bike ride helps develop physical toughness and a positive mental outlook."

This Sunday, Tredup will be hitting the road to ride in a charity bike event being held in conjunction with the Peloton Project, a grassroots fundraising group associated with the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).

The Peloton Project's objective is to raise awareness and funds in their communities to help the LAF support people affected by cancer through advocacy, research, education, and public health programs.

The event has a special significance since Tredup's professional life is devoted to battling cancer in his job as a research scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Tredup, 40, specializes in protein biochemistry, creating substances that may bind to a protein and stop cancers from growing.

"The Peloton Project is a good way to get information out to the public on cancer treatment," asserted Tredup, noting that the Lance Armstrong Foundation website, www.laf.org, serves as a source of such information.

"It's a good resource so people won't be as scared when they find out they have cancer or that someone close to them does. They need to know the options and what can be done."

In reflecting on his bout with cancer, Tredup emphasizes the value of having as much information about the disease as possible. "I remember when the doctor explained things to my wife and me," recalled Tredup.

"I said OK what do we have to do now. I had already researched thyroid cancer before my operation in case things turned out that way. I still have cancer in my lymph nodes. I get checked every six months and if my blood count numbers change, I'll have to go for more aggressive treatment. I've researched my options at a site called Clinicaltrials.com."

This fall, Tredup will be taking a more aggressive step in spreading information about cancer research when he participates in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope, a nine-day bicycle journey across the U.S. by a team of 24 people who have been touched by cancer.

More than 1,100 people applied to be part of the group, which is organized into teams of six that ride in relay fashion for about five hours a day from San Diego to Washington, D.C. from September 29 to October 8. Along the way, team members share their stories and inform people on the route about cancer research options. The event's website, www.tourofhope.org, provides further details on the riders and cancer research.

"I decided to pursue the Tour because I couldn't think of a better way to raise awareness," said Tredup, who hopes that his story and those of his colleagues on the ride will serve as motivation for people facing cancer.

"I was excited when I found out I had been chosen for the team. About a half-hour later, I thought what have I gotten myself into. I can do a century ride (100 miles) in one day but I never thought about doing a century ride for nine straight days."

In order to help condition them for their undertaking, Tredup and his fellow team members are participating in an individualized training regimen developed by Lance Armstrong's personal coach, Chris Carmichael.

"I've been working with the Carmichael Training Systems (CTS) program for about a month and I have noticed a difference," explained Tredup, who has also raced competitively for Hart's Cyclery in Pennington.

"I have never trained like that before. On a hard week, they have me on the bike for 15 hours. I do things like hill repeats and one-legged spinning. The easy weeks have about 10 hours on the bike."

For Tredup, it is fitting that he is riding in a major event that is affiliated with Armstrong's mission to help people better deal with cancer.

"Armstrong's example gives you a positive perspective on what you can come out with after finding out you have cancer," said Tredup. "I look at myself as a cyclist with cancer and I feel there's a connection with Armstrong."

Tredup's situation has deepened his connection to his daily work at Bristol-Myers Squibb. "Cancer has helped focus me in my research," said Tredup. "I'm hoping that if I can get the word out to my colleagues that will give them an extra oomph as they go about their work."

This Sunday, he will enjoy seeing riders giving an extra oomph at the Hopewell event as they have a choice of routes of 15, 35, and 65 miles.

"It's a good cause, I love to see people involved," said Tredup, who plans to ride the 65-mile loop at the event. "I would like to see more people out on the road biking; it is so good for you physically and mentally."

Cycling has certainly been good for Tredup as he has fought the battle of his life.

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MAKE-OR-BREAK TIME: Upper Makefield guard Jimmy Curran fires a no-look pass in action earlier this summer in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league. Curran and his teammates will be looking to make a big run as the league playoffs start next Monday. Last summer, Upper Makefield advanced to the championship series where it fell to two-time defending league champion The Cafe.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

With Summer Hoops Playoffs Looming, Undefeated Merrill Lynch is Team to Beat

With the playoffs in the Recreation Department summer men's basketball league slated to start next Monday, Merrill Lynch has stamped itself as the team to beat.

Last Monday, Merrill Lynch improved to 8-0 as it put a 70-40 whipping on second-place Upper Makefield (5-2). Princeton University junior Patrick Ekeruo led the rout as he poured in a game-high 20 points. Pete Fox starred from long distance for Merrill as he fired in six three-point field goals. Jimmy Curran led Upper Makefield with 11 points.

Merrill had to dig deeper last Friday as it went three overtimes in edging Weidel 5-Stars 67-61. Princeton University junior Luke Owings had a big night for Merrill as he scored 20 points while Fox nailed five three-pointers. Pierre Downing had 20 points to lead Weidel, which fell to 5-2 with the narrow setback.

George's Roasters and Ribs has emerged as a contender, improving to 5-2 after a 51-33 win over Hoagie Haven last Monday. Princeton University sophomore and former Hun School star Noah Savage paced George's as he scored 13 points. TCNJ standouts Scott Findlay and Mark Aziz each scored nine for George's. Kareem Boswell was a one-man show for Hoagie Haven (3-5), pouring in a game-high 21 points.

In other action Monday, SMB nipped Where2Ball.com 44-43. Ryan Stein scored 13 points for SMB which improved to 4-3 with the victory. Kyle Brown had 14 points for Where2Ball, which dropped to 0-7 with the loss.

While Merrill has put together a glittering record, two-time defending league champion The Cafe/Change Clothes is ominously starting to pick up steam. After starting out 1-3 this summer, The Cafe moved to 5-3 with a 43-41 win over Hoagie Haven last Friday. Asmar Fortney scored 19 for The Cafe while Chris Hatchell chipped in 10.

The league will wind up the regular season with triple headers this Wednesday and Friday.

The playoffs start July 25 with a triple-header on the Community Park courts matching the 10th seed against the 7th, the 9th versus the 8th, and the third against the sixth. The top two seeds get a bye into the quarterfinals which are slated for July 27.

—Bill Alden

LOCAL SPORTS

Former Crew Star Crotty Added to Coaching Staff

Marty Crotty, a member of the 1996 and 1998 national champion Princeton University heavyweight varsity eights, is returning to Princeton to serve as assistant varsity and head freshman heavyweight crew coach, the program said last week.

"I couldn't be more excited to be working with a staff that I have admired for years as a rower," said Crotty, a 1998 Princeton alum who majored in American history. "I look forward to giving student-athletes the same opportunities that I had during my time at Princeton."

Crotty replaces Greg Hughes, who recently became the head coach of the Princeton lightweights.

Currently, Crotty is serving as the head coach for the U.S. Men's Junior National Team, which will be competing at the Junior World Championships in Germany from August 3-6.

He has been coaching crew since he completed his post-graduate studies at Oxford in 1999. Upon returning to the U.S., Crotty had a three-year stint coaching at the Loyola Academy Rowing Association in Wilmette, Ill. In 2003 he moved to West Windsor, N.J., where he coached the Mercer Junior Rowing Club. His varsity eight won the 2004 and 2005 Northeast Junior Regional championships.

Crotty also has extensive administrative experience, including a two-year term as the executive director of the Princeton International Regatta Association and a two-year term as the Co-Director for the Annual Fund at Loyola Academy.

Bike Event Set for July 24 To Aid Armstrong Group

A charity cycling event is being held on July 24 in Hopewell in conjunction with the Peloton Project, a grassroots fundraising group associated with the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).

The event, which will include circular routes of approximately 15, 35, and 65 miles, is being organized by Princeton resident Joseph Campisi and several of his colleagues at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Their goal is to raise $10,000 for the LAF, which was formed by the famed cyclist Lance Armstrong to help people with cancer obtain the resources they need to live strong.

The circuits will begin and end at the Hopewell Elementary School. A registration fee of $10 ($20 on the date of the event) and a donation to the LAF of $50 is required to participate in this event. Registration forms may be obtained through an e-mail message to pjcjr56@yahoo.com.

The Peloton Project's objective is to raise awareness and funds in their communities to help the LAF support people affected by cancer through advocacy, research, education, and public health programs.

To learn more about LAF or the Peloton Project, please contact the LAF at (512) 236-8820 or visit its website at www.laf.org.

Free Wheelers Club Bike Event August 6

The Princeton Free Wheelers bicycle club is holding its 25th annual Princeton Bicycling Event on August 7. The event features six bike tours ranging from 18 to 100 miles with the rides beginning and ending at Mercer County Community College starting at 7 a.m. that day.

The event is open to anyone who rides a bicycle safely and wears an approved cycling helmet. Services include free parking, rest rooms, emergency help, water, and snack stops. A post-ride lunch including a drink and dessert is also included in the event.

The registration fee is $25 for adults and $10 for ages 16 and under. Those who register prior to July 24 are entitled to a free event T-shirt.

For more information, call (609) 882-4739, e-mail infoguy@princetonfreewheelers.com, or log onto www.princetonfreewheelers.com. Forms are also available at local bike shops.

Summer Girls' Hoops Recent Results

In recent games in the senior division of the Princeton Recreation Department summer girls' basketball league, the Sparks topped the Fever 33-23, led by the combination of Molly Barber and Brooke Sassman, who each scored nine points. Molly Lynch had a big game in a losing cause, firing in a game-high 14 points. The Liberty cruised past the Mercury 28-8 as Rachel Basie scored 11 points and Ashante Harrington chipped in six.

In action in the junior division, Georgia topped Tennessee 28-16 as Isabel Blooston scored six points to lead a balanced attack. Molly Rubin was a one-player force for Tennessee as she poured in 12 points. Connecticut posted a 17-11 win over Rutgers. Bridgette O'Donnell scored eight points to lead Connecticut while Shari Jones had six for Rutgers.

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Unfortunately, none of the claims are true! Although doing abdominal exercises will make your abdominal muscles stronger, they'll do nothing to reduce the body fat stored in that area. Similarly, performing tricep exercises will make your triceps stronger but won't selectively use fat from the backs of your arms; doing hip abduction (lateral leg raises) will make your "glutes" stronger but won't selectively use fat from your hips.

When you exercise, fat is used at an even rate throughout your entire body and is only utilized when required as an energy source. It's physiologically impossible to selectively use fat from a specifically targeted site.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 20

7:30 p.m.: Recital, *Summer Song*, with soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl and pianist Akiko Hosaki; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Voices Chorale's "Summer Sing-in and Ice Cream Social"; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The Enso Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

Thursday, July 21

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Noon: "Beat the Heat" Movie Series for Seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

2 p.m.: *Toles of Wonder*; Princeton Summer Theater, Hamilton Murray Theater. Also Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m.

6 p.m.: Tom Klimchock country band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of *Network*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Organ Recital with Kenneth Cowan; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: *Annie Get Your Gun*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Golandsky International Piano Festival concert with Emanuele Arciuli; Taplin Auditorium.

Friday, July 22

9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.: *Genies, Lamps and Dreams: Tales of the Arabian Nights*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

1 to 4 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater Educational Workshop for children 7 to 12; Hamilton Murray Theater. To register, call (609) 258-7062.

7 p.m.: American Girl Mystery Party; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1. To register, call (609) 897-9250.

7:30 p.m.: Discussion and performance by NJOT singers; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Golandsky International Piano Festival concert with Bach specialist Father Sean Duggan; Taplin Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Meshuggah-Nuns*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Don Friesen and Lee Levine; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Showroom, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 23

6 to 8 p.m.: "Music in The Park" Concert with Wenonah Brooks; Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Folk/Rock Singer Jesse Colin Young; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Golandsky International Piano Festival concert with Panamanian jazz pianist Danilo Perez; Taplin Auditorium.

Monday, July 25
Recycling Pickup

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

8 p.m.: Movies in the Plaza, *Bella Mortha*; Mediterra Restaurant & Bar, 29 Hullish Street. Free.

Tuesday, July 26

7 p.m.: Screening of *Spellbound*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Sing-in, Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

Wednesday, July 27

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Annie Get Your Gun; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Stand-up Comedy Night; Princeton Summer Theater, Hamilton Murray Theater.

Thursday, July 28

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Noon: "Beat the Heat" Movie Series for Seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

2 p.m.: *Toles of Wonder*; Princeton Summer Theater, Hamilton Murray Theater. Also Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m.

6 p.m.: Linda Torchia & Ted Firth Quartet jazz band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of 2005 Student Film & Video Festival winners; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Piano recital with Radek Materka; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 29

9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.: *Nosing Around Circus Style*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

1 to 4 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater Educational Workshop for children 7 to 12; Hamilton Murray Theater. To register, call (609) 258-7062.

7 p.m.: The Car Music Project; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

7:30 p.m.: After Hours Courtyard Concert with The Car Music Project; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *Meshuggah-Nuns*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Hal Spear, Steve Lazerus, and Patrick Cunningham; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Showroom, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 27

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Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB), Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH),
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Wednesday, July 20:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:00 p.m. Health Screenings; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents support group;SPB.

Thursday, July 21:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie & Munchies; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
6:15 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Friday, July 22:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong, SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art, SPB.

Monday, July 25:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, July 26:
11:00 a.m. Strength Training, SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble, SPB.
1:30 p.m Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, July 27:
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Admission will be $20 for the dance instruction and dance, or $25 for the seminar and dance.

The seminar topic will be "Tips to Find Your Soul Mate," presented by author Pamela Cummins.

Membership is not required to attend.

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The **National Italian American Foundation** (NIAF), a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., will hold its 12th Annual NIAF Youth Retreat for Italian Americans in Princeton from August 5 through August 7 at AmeriSuites, 3565 Route 1 South. The Youth Retreat brings together young adults 18 to 32 who share a common interest in Italy and Italian American issues, for a weekend of cultural, educational, and social activities.

A welcome dinner will be held on Friday, August 5 at the Macaroni Grill across the street from the hotel. On Saturday, participants will attend discussions from Italian American historians including Dr. Peter Vellon, executive director of the Calandra Institute.

Retreat packages range from $90 to $285 and can include two hotel nights, transportation to events, and meals. For reservations, contact Brock Olivo at (202) 939-3107 or e-mail bolivo @niaf.org before August 5.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** (PMUG) will meet on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Room A-10 of Princeton University's Jadwin Hall. The speaker, Miles W. Truesdell III, will discuss Photoshop Elements 3, a digital photo editor.

Mr. Truesdell, of Leigh Photo & Imaging, will present an overview of Photoshop Elements 3, with a focus on correcting digital photos.

For more information, visit www.pmug-nj.org.

Singles Speak-Up Toastmasters will meet on August 12 and August 26 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room at Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, 64 Washington Street, Rocky Hill. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month. Meetings are free and open to guests.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth L. Giebel

Elizabeth L. Giebel, 42, of Wareham, Mass. died suddenly at home on July 13.

The daughter of Leal B. Randall of Cataumet, Mass. and Hubert W. Giebel of Charlotte, N.C., she was the granddaughter of Virginia and Thomas Blakeman and niece of the late Beatrice B. Karstad, all formerly of Princeton.

She attended Princeton primary and secondary schools, then Massasoit Community College and Bradford College. She enjoyed painting, cooking, and making jewelry.

She is survived by a son, Robert J. Joyce Jr.; her partner, Richard Moore of Wareham; and a brother, Erich Giebel of Holmdel.

A memorial service will be held at the Cataumet Methodist Church, Cataumet, Mass. on Saturday, July 23.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bourne Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 203, Cataumet, Mass. 02534.

Frederick Kronk

Frederick Kronk, 93, of Princeton, died July 18 at Acorn Glen Assisted Living.

Born in New Brunswick, he was a resident of Kingston and Princeton most of his life.

He was employed for many years as a construction worker for Tocco Construction and Peterson Construction, both of Princeton.

A World War II Army veteran, he took part in the invasion of Normandy Beach.

He was an avid woodworker and gardener who especially enjoyed working with flowers.

Son of the late Adam and Elizabeth Eckert Kronk, and brother of the late Gertrude Kronk, Edith Kronk, Margaret Burke, William Kronk, and Charles Kronk, he is survived by his wife of 51 years, Helen Fiumenero Kronk, and several nieces and nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The funeral will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 21 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, July 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, North Brunswick.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

Vincent Hamill

Vincent Hamill, 70, of Princeton, died July 15 at The University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., he was a graduate of City University of New York and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was the owner of Hamill Associates of Princeton.

He is survived by his wife, Johanna Merone Hamill; two daughters, Deidre Hamill of Manhattan and Patricia Hamill of Pennington; and a brother, Lewis Hamill of Alberta, Canada.

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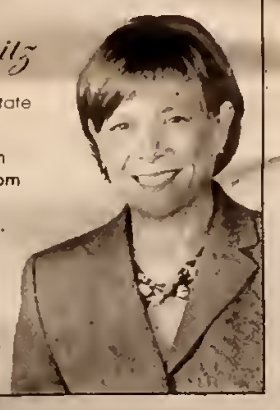

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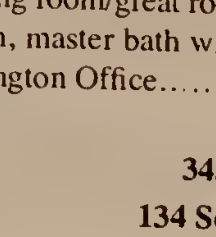

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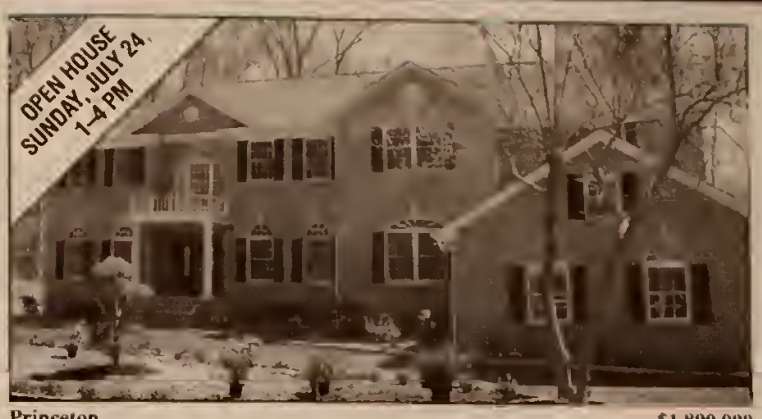

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